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Five banks, five banks, five of the co-conspirators, 2 pleaded guilty to felonies in connection with using the same

3 chatrooms we are going to see today to fix prices in the

4 foreign exchange market.

Two traders pleaded guilty to felonies in connection 6 with using the same chatrooms you are going to see today to fix prices in the foreign exchange market.

One trader went to prison.

Before we go any further, I'd like to thank you for 10 your service. The right to a trial by jury dates back to the passage of the Bill of Rights in 1791. So at least in the federal system you are part of an almost 250-year tradition. Your service is vital to the role, the rule of law, and it is a solemn duty of citizenship to which you have our thanks.

15 The plaintiffs in this class case are represented today by the Oklahoma Firefighters Pension & Retirement System, 16 17 Chase Rankin and Fire Captain Jim Nimmo are here today. If you can stand up, please. Thank you, gentlemen.

We're also represented by the Government Employees' 19 20 Retirement System of the Virgin Islands represented by Grenville Henderson and Cathy Smith. If you can please stand

as well. Thank you. 22

23 The lawyers for the plaintiffs include Michael 24 Hausfeld, Patrick Coughlin, Walter Noss, you'll meet others 25 throughout the trial. My name is Chris Burke. I'm very 1 BNP Paribas.

controlled over 90 percent of the part of the foreign exchange market that deal with customers who want to buy and sell foreign exchange. They run the store. If you want to exchange pounds for dollars, you need to go to their store.

Credit Suisse and the co-conspirator dealers

I'd like to take you through a couple of the basics of the FX market because I think it will enable you to make sense of the rest of them.

The FX market operates 24 hours a day. It starts in 11 New Zealand, goes to Australia, into Asia, Europe, London, closes in New York. Opens back up again in New Zealand. Trades 252 days a year.

Currencies are bought and sold in pairs. So again, 15 using pound/dollar, you buy pounds, you sell dollars. Or you use dollars to buy euros or you use yen to buy euros.

The top three currency pairs are euro/dollar, dollar/yen and pound to dollar. They account for over half of all foreign exchange trading.

Now if you'll see to your left, my right, there is a 20 21 board with all different types currencies on there. Canada dollars, Swiss francs, Norwegian krone, South African rand, Israeli shekel, Argentinian peso.

87 percent of all traded volume is, again, the U.S. 24 25 dollar. When you monkey with the U.S. dollar, you monkey with

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1 pleased to be addressing you today.

Now the question you are going to be asked to answer 3 is whether and with whom Credit Suisse agreed to engage in a 4 scheme in widening spreads. This poses what's known as an 5 antitrust problem. Competitors getting together to agree to 6 widen spreads. And spread is price, price fixing. That's prohibited by the antitrust laws. The antitrust laws are meant 8 to protect competition. Not competitors. Competition is supposed to result in lower prices. It's supposed to enhance consumer welfare. 10

11 When you see chats where competing banks agree on spreads to show customers, that's price fixing. That's wrong. 12

We are going to show you a number of chat transcripts 13 14 today. The participants were Credit Suisse and its 15 co-conspirator banks. These banks are supposed to be competing for customer business on the basis of price. 16

As you look at the chats, please ask yourself, why 17 aren't they competing? 18

The plaintiffs are a class of persons and businesses 19 who trade in foreign exchange markets such as the Oklahoma Firefighters and the Virgin Islands. 21

22 Credit Suisse is the defendant, and the alleged co-conspirators are the world's largest banks, the foreign exchange dealers. You probably recognize some of them, 25 JPMorgan, Citi, Goldman Sachs, Bank of America, Morgan Stanley,

1 the market.

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Now, on this slide, you will see three letter codes. 3 EUR, that means euro. USD, U.S. dollar. JPY, Japanese yen. GBP, Great British pound.

Every single currency has a unique three letter code. 5 6 They are like airports. LAX is Los Angeles. J.F.K., New York. LGA, LaGuardia. Every single currency has a three letter code. As we go through the chats, you will see a bunch of three

letter codes. I'll stop and translate it for you.

FX, foreign exchange, is traded in pairs. Each pair 10 11 has what's known as a quote currency and a base currency. In the pound to dollar currency pair, the quote currency is the dollar. That tells you how many dollars it takes to buy one 14 British pound. In our example, we are using an exchange of 15 \$1.3090 for one British pound. In this market you trade in millions. Not just one pound to one dollar. So, how many dollars would it take to buy 10 million British pounds at an exchange rate of 1.390. It would take \$13,090,000 to buy 10 million British pounds.

If we can go back. This currency pair is called 20 21 cable. Why is it called cable? The first transatlantic cable connects the U.K. to the United States. So to this day, pound/dollar is called cable. You'll find the traders use a 24 lot of interesting trader jargon. Cable is one of them. Cable 25 means pound dollar. If we come across jargon, I'll try to

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Opening - Mr. Burke MABHFor2 Page 57 1 guessing if you went through all 2,500 you'd be here to 2 Halloween, maybe closer to Thanksgiving. It would take about 3 12 and a half of these Bankers Boxes to hold the 2,500 chat 4 examples. You're going to hear Credit Suisse say that's not 5 enough. That's not enough. These exemplar chat communications span the entire class period and involve every coconspirator. Fifth Amendment. We took discovery in this case. 8 Twenty-six traders -- not five, not a handful, not a dozen. 9 Twenty-six traders -- from 13 dealers asserted their Fifth Amendment rights against self-incrimination when asked about the conspiracy to widen spreads. This includes three former Credit Suisse employees, including Mr. Daniel Wise, who was formerly Credit Suisse's global head of FX spot trading. He took the Fifth.

15 Guilty pleas and convictions: Banks and traders pleaded guilty. One trader was in prison. Five dealers 16 pleaded guilty in connection with entering into and engaging in a conspiracy to fix prices of certain currencies. The conspiracy was carried out in conversations in chatrooms you saw today. That includes Barclays, PNP Paribas, Citi, JPMorgan, Royal Bank of Scotland. These are felonies, household name banks pleaded to felonies because of what 22 happened in the chatrooms.

Akshay Aiyer of JPMorgan Chase conspired to fix prices 24 25 in part using the chatrooms. He went to prison.

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1 whether, was a conspiracy? Did it happen? If it did, when, 2 and with whom Credit Suisse agreed to engage in a joint scheme

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of widening spreads?

4 Now, the "whether," we would submit, that's answered in those 2,500 chats. That's the bulk of our evidence.

The "with whom," let's just use the chats we went through today, which is just a small number starting with: We

should all agree on the same spreads; let's sign a pact on 9 spreads; day of customers holding us ransom is over; it can

10 never be a bad thing colluding spreads; just quote them wide

11 and same, that way they have no tight price; once and for all, consensus please; how wide we making it, boys; what we think.

Just using the chats we went through today, every 13 14 single dealer present and accounted for. We filled up the 15 scorecard.

The "when," again, using the chats we went through 16 17 today starting with we should all agree on the same spreads, to let's sign a pact on spreads, to what we think, day of customers holding us ransom are over; we're not allowed to talk about it, but they continue to talk about spreads; they think 21 it's price fixing and collusion, but they do it anyway; just quote them wide same way, that way they have no tight price, all the way through December 2013.

The question, whether, when, and with whom Credit 24 25 Suisse agreed to joint scheme of widening spreads, the

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Chris Cummins and Jason Katz -- Cummins is at Citi;

- 2 Katz at BNP and Barclays -- they plead guilty to conspiring to
- 3 fix prices carried out their communications in chatrooms,
- 4 chatrooms that you saw today.
- The evidence will demonstrate, the evidence will show, 6 spread is the price customers pay to the dealers for trading 7 FX. And that was the motive, right? The motive is to widen 8 the spreads, the wider the spreads, higher the price to the
- 9 customers, and the more money banks put in their pockets. The
- 10 dealers knew what they were doing was wrong. It was not market
- color, but they did it any way. They used multibank chatrooms
- to agree on spread. Used terms like, well, what's the
- consensus, consensus please, let's get on the same page. 13
- 14 They didn't need to widen spreads every second, every
- hour, every day. Spreads were durable. They monitored and
- enforced their conspiracy. They did not take kindly to
- somebody showing them silly spreads. They relied and trusted
- each other not to compete. The interconnected chatrooms formed
- a network to conspire. With the network, the dealers win;
- 20 customers lose.
- 21 When confronted and put under oath, 26 traders from 13
- 22 dealers took the Fifth. Dealers and traders pleaded guilty to
- felonies in connections with using chatrooms to fix prices in
- the foreign exchange market.
- 25 The questions you're going to be asked to answer is

1 whether's in the chats. Trust the chats. Ask yourself why

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- aren't they competing? The when, 2007-2013. The who, Credit
- Suisse and 15 coconspirators dealers.
- I thank you for your kind attention.
- Your Honor. 5
- 6 THE COURT: Thank you.
- Ladies and gentlemen, we're going to take a ten-minute
- break. Mr. Street will tell you where to go. Please leave all
- 9 your papers and notes on your chairs, and don't talk about the
- 10 case.

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- 11 (Jury excused)
 - THE COURT: We'll reconvene at 4:05.
- (Recess) 13
- (Jury present) 14
- THE COURT: You all can sit down. We're standing for 15
- 16 you, actually, out of respect for the jury. Now, we'll all sit 17 down.
- 18 OK. You may proceed.
- MR. MOSS: Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen. My name is Edward Moss, and along with my partners, Tammy Roy and
- Jason Hall, we represent Credit Suisse. I'd also like to introduce Tamara O'Flaherty, in-house
- counsel at Credit Suisse, who will serve as the bank's representative and will be with us throughout the trial.
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 - Now, the plaintiff's counsel just told you some story,

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- 1 Court said you don't often see direct evidence like that. OK.
- 2 That's fine. You won't see that. But how about some level of
- 3 coordination among management, some senior people from
- 4 management to admit to this, right, to say, yeah, we
- coordinated all of these things? It would require a lot of
- coordination. You won't see that at all.

How about coordinating through one chatroom?

- 8 Mr. Burke stood up here and he said they never thought that
- 9 they were going to get caught. They did whatever they wanted
- in these chatrooms without regard to the fact that regulators
- might be reading these years down the road. They didn't even
- think about that. Well, if they didn't think about that,
- right, if they did what they wanted and what they wanted was to
- all enter into an agreement, the easiest thing would have been
- just to get in a chatroom. Different traders trade different
- currency pairs, right? How about this? All the yen traders,
- all 16 of you from your 16 banks, you're in one -- you're in one chatroom, and all the Deutsche mark traders, you're in
- another chatroom, and you guys can talk all day, exchange all
- 20 information all day about all these 325,000 transactions. That
- doesn't exist either. 21
- All right. What about a document? You might want to 22
- see a document that mentions the global conspiracy. That would
- be pretty good, right, one document? You're not going to see that either, ladies and gentlemen. Think about this: There

- 1 buddies, and now he's going to come and testify for these
 - 2 plaintiffs here. Even Mr. Katz is going to concede under oath

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- 3 that he never participated in any conspiracy outside his
- isolated chatroom.

There's another thing, I mentioned this earlier, that

- you might want to see to support the existence of an agreement,
- right? This was supposedly an agreement to widen spreads.
- Mr. Burke told you, well, these guys have 90 percent market
- share, these banks, right? They're really powerful. They're
- really powerful. How about an expert to come in here and say,
- 11 I've analyzed all the data from the class period, from the
- alleged conspiracy period, and I can tell you that spreads were
- wider in the market for six years throughout this conspiracy.
- 14 You won't see that either. Plaintiffs do have a paid expert
- who's going to come in here and offer some opinions, but he
 - will not offer that opinion.

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- 17 And it makes sense, right? Because if some of these
- banks wanted to widen spreads, what would happen with TD and
- Wells Fargo? They would come in and take the customers. They would undercut. Remember, those banks supposedly aren't in on
- 21 the conspiracy. It makes perfect sense that spreads were not
- wider, because the banks were competing. There's no meeting,
- there is no document, there's no trader testimony, there's no
- chatroom with 16 banks. There's no effect on spreads. 25
 - So what do the plaintiffs have? What do they have to

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- 1 are millions and millions of emails and chats and
- 2 communications by these banks over this six-year period.
- 3 Wouldn't somebody have mentioned the global price fixing
- 4 agreement among all of them? I mean, hey, what about the big
- 5 16 agreement, an email that says that, right? Or, make sure
- 6 you quote the agreed-upon price because of our big agreement
- 7 with everyone, everyone. You don't see any of that either,
- 8 right? You won't see a single reference in a single scrap of paper to a massive global conspiracy. It does not exist.
- There's not a meeting, there's not a document, there's not a
- chatroom with all the traders. 11
- 12 How about testimony, right? Surely they are going to
- come in here and they're going to show you one trader, at least
- one, that admits that he or she entered into an agreement with
- 16 other banks. Surely they're going to have one trader admit
- to that, right? No, they will not. Instead you're going to
- hear trader after trader after trader testify, even the ones 17
- who say they didn't bad things, testify under oath and under
- penalty of perjury that they did not enter into an agreement
- 20 with all of these things, and that includes Mr. Katz.
- Jason Katz is plaintiffs' key trader witness. Jason 21 22 Katz already pleaded guilty to a crime. You heard his
- telephone conversation. He pleaded guilty to a different
- conspiracy than what the plaintiffs allege here. He cooperated
- 25 with the government in the criminal case of one of his trader

1 try to prove their single 16-bank conspiracy involving Credit

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- Suisse? You're going to hear four categories of evidence. The
- 3 criminal prosecutions, we've already spent time on that; some
- 4 testimony; the spread grids that we heard about -- and those
- 5 are really important. I'm going to spend some time on those --
- and, finally, the chats. As I will explain, none of these
- things, none of them, prove the conspiracy that plaintiffs are
- alleging in this case. And I'd like to start with number one,
- 9 the criminal prosecutions, and get that out of the way up 10 front.

Look, ladies and gentlemen, I mean, there was 12 misconduct in this industry. There's no getting around that, right? There were traders who did things they should not have done. You saw some of those things. And I bet you probably don't like some of those things, and you're entitled to not like some of those things. But the evidence will show that what they haven't done was this: They haven't engaged in a sprawling 16-bank conspiracy to fix prices.

So let's be very clear and use some precise language 20 here to be clear about what these criminal prosecutions are and what they aren't. We want you to understand all of the evidence. We want to show it to you completely and correctly 23 so you can see it all and judge it all for yourselves.

The first point you'll hear about these criminal 25 prosecutions, you'll hear no evidence that Credit Suisse was Case 1:13-cv-07789-LGS Document 2029-1 Filed 11/23/22 Page 5 of 54 IN RE: FOREIGN EXCHANGE BENCHMARK RATES ANTITRUST TRIAL

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1 prosecuted and no evidence that Credit Suisse pleaded guilty to 2 anything. Credit Suisse did not plead guilty to an antitrust 3 conspiracy. Credit Suisse wasn't in those two carpools, those 4 two chatrooms, those two isolated chatrooms that the government

prosecuted. You're going to hear a lot about the guilty pleas. None of it relates to Credit Suisse.

What else is important about these government 8 prosecutions? Well, the government, as I said, prosecuted two chatrooms, two carpools: Four traders talking about one currency pair in one chatroom over here, and four different traders talking about certain other currency pairs in another chatroom over here. This is isolated stuff. It might be bad stuff, but it's isolated stuff. There is no evidence that the government even tried to mush these two conspiracies that they prosecuted together into one, let alone a conspiracy involving all the chatrooms. 16

Plaintiffs' case here is totally different from what 17 the government prosecuted. Plaintiffs' case is not based on one chatroom. It is based on all the chatrooms, hundreds. It is not based on four traders. It is based on all the traders, 20 hundreds. It is not based on one of those currencies, currency pairs that Mr. Burke had up or two. It is based on all the currency pairs, dozens and dozens and dozens.

Plaintiffs' alleged conspiracy here is based on 24 25 speculation that everybody was talking to everybody about 1 Christopher Hatton, Mr. Katz is going to tell you, I was 2 involved with some bad stuff, but not with Mr. Hatton. He will affirmatively say I did not conspire with Mr. Hatton.

4 Mr. Hatton will be here, too, and he will say the same thing.

He wasn't part of any conspiracy, big or small, with Mr. Katz or anyone.

7 So now let's move on to this third category of evidence, the spread grids. Mr. Burke kept calling them price lists. He said, well, these show that spreads are durable. Let me ask you a question. If these were such firm price 11 lists, why are they chatting at all? What's the point? If 12 they coordinated on the price list, just laminate a copy and put it next to your phone. Look up the price when someone 14 calls. Why are they chatting at all? The story on the 15 plaintiffs' side just does not hang together, ladies and 16 gentlemen.

So let's talk about what a spread grid actually is. 17 18 OK. A spread grid actually is a chart that the customers ask each bank to fill out, and they ask the bank to fill them out so that they could play the banks off one another so the banks will compete, right? And the Credit Suisse traders will tell you that they did different spread grids for different banks, for different customers, because they showed better spreads to certain customers.

25 And these aren't price lists at all, the evidence will

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1 spreads in all the currencies. Speculation that all the 2 traders in all the chatrooms formed some sort of interconnected

3 web that actually transmit information about spreads and all

4 the currencies. It is a striking overreach that is not

5 supported by the actual evidence, and it is because of these 6 very important differences between what the government

7 prosecuted and what these plaintiffs are alleging that even the

8 traders in the two chatrooms that the government prosecuted are

going to deny under oath the existence of the conspiracy

alleged in this case. They will testify that they did not,

11 they did not, conspire with 15 other banks. Mr. Gardiner was

in one chatroom. You'll hear him by video. He will say that.

Mr. Cummins and Mr. Katz, they were in another chatroom. They

will say the same thing. They will all tell you that each of

their agreements were limited to the traders in one chatroom.

It's completely different. 16

17 Now, let's move on to the second category of evidence, testimony. Plaintiffs will put on some videos from traders and two paid experts and three traders live. None of them will testify about any conspiracy among anything close to 16 banks. None of them will testify that Credit Suisse was part of any 22 conspiracy. In fact, Mr. Katz, again, their key witness, not only will he testify that he didn't engage in a conspiracy with anyone outside his chatroom, but he's also going to admit that

25 one trader he chatted with at Credit Suisse often, Mr. Hatton,

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1 show. Remember, spreads are moving all the time, minute by minute, second by second. These are the prices or the spreads that banks can expect to show under normal market conditions. Now, again, again with the speculation, plaintiffs say 5 that the banks colluded in the chatrooms to put the same

6 numbers in their spread grids, and they showed you one or two, three chats where they say, oh, we're filling out a spread

grid. Now, what's your number in this? What's your number in

that? How about the follow-through? How about looking at the

spread grids to see what actually happened? Plaintiffs aren't going to show you that. We will.

We analyzed that data. You will hear evidence that 13 BlackRock is one of the most sophisticated customers in this 14 market. It's a big hedge fund. What BlackRock did is it asked 15 all the banks to provide it with these spread grids, and it analyzed those spread grids so it could force the banks to compete and comparison shop against them. And that is exactly what the banks did. The banks competed.

We looked at BlackRock's spread grids, and they showed 20 something completely different, completely different than what 21 the plaintiffs are alleging based on a handful of chats. If 22 there were a conspiracy, if all of those chats, those five or however many chats there were, if that was true and they were 24 all coordinating on the numbers to put in the spread grid, what 25 would you expect to see? Well, you'd expect to see that they

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- 1 spreads. Case closed. Jamie Lawes writes that, and all of a
- 2 sudden all of Credit Suisse, hundreds of traders, hundreds of
- 3 salespeople who worked at Credit Suisse, right, they all
- 4 entered into a single agreement with the thousands of traders 5 and salespeople at all the 16 -- 15 other banks to fix spreads
- 6 in the whole market, not just the currency pairs that Jamie was
- talking about in that chatroom or that he's responsible for,
- but all of them. That is what the plaintiffs want you to
- believe based on the snippets they keep showing you, right?
- They love let's sign a pact on spreads, agree. All 10 11 right. Well, let's break this down. There are three banks in
- this chatroom, first of all, right? You have Credit Suisse,
- you have RBS, and you have Goldman. How's this a 16-bank
- conspiracy? I mean, the suggestion that this shows a 16-bank
- conspiracy, first of all, that's just made up, but does it even
- show a three-bank agreement on that day? Let's trust the
- chats. Let's look at the portions that the plaintiffs don't 17
- show you. 18
- So Mr. Lawes asks, hey -- to Munson: Do you wish 19 20 you'd widen your spreads yet?
- 21 And does Munson say, yeah, we had a deal. I widened
- 22 my spread. He said: Mate, I wish I could. I totally agree
- they are wrong.
- Mr. Lawes says: Just tell sales, then. 24
- 25 Goldman trader says: That's what we do.

1 quote to a customer after this chat, how can they prove to you

- 2 that they agreed on what spread to quote or that they agreed to
- 3 widen their spread? We heard "let's make a pact" I don't know
- 4 how many times. It's the centerpiece of their case, and they didn't even show you the whole thing.
- Let's drill down a little bit further on the chats
- involving Credit Suisse. Plaintiffs have 726 chats in which a
- Credit Suisse trader participated over the 1,491 trading days.
- That is .49 chats about spreads per day. So what that means is
- that on an average of about once every other day, one Credit
- Suisse trader in one chatroom sent or received one chat about
- one spread in one amount of one currency pair. And from that
- and Jamie Lawes' chat the plaintiffs want you to just infer
- that Credit Suisse was involved in a six-year conspiracy with
- 15 other banks to fix prices in the largest financial market in
- the world. I mean, honestly, this is what you would have to
- believe to find that Credit Suisse knowingly participated, that
- this is knowing participation in a 16-bank conspiracy.
- 19 And, ladies and gentlemen, our witnesses, we have
- 20 witnesses who will come, the Credit Suisse witnesses will come, and they will testify credibly that Credit Suisse did not enter
- into a spread widening conspiracy. You will hear from
- Mr. Yanez. He was the global head of FX. He ran the business.
- You'll hear from Mr. Condie. He was the head spot trader in
- 25 New York on the FX desk. Mr. Walker was a senior trader in

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- Lawes says: Stand your ground, man. 1
- Goldman says: Trader run the place, not sales. We tell them what the spread is.
- What does Munson say at RBS? What Munson says at RBS
- 5 is: Not the case here.
- So what's going on? Mr. Munson, he wishes he could widen spreads. Everyone wishes they could charge higher
- 8 prices. I'm sure Starbucks -- Mr. Burke showed you the
- chart -- they'd like to charge \$20 for a latte, but they can't,
- 10 because of their customers, because of competition, right? And
- that's what Mr. Munson is saying, I can't, not the case here, I
- can't just tell sales what to do. The salespeople, whom the
- plaintiffs ignore, they want to bring in business by narrowing
- spreads, and Mr. Munson said it would be great to be able to
- widen spreads, we'd make more money, that's true, but I can't
- because there's competition. And you will hear testimony from
- Credit Suisse that Mr. Lawes couldn't do that either. That at 17
- 18 Credit Suisse, the traders did not run the show. 19 Just as importantly, ladies and gentlemen, where is
- the action after all this talk? Where is proof that Credit
- Suisse quoted a particular spread to a particular customer after this chat? You won't see that. How about Goldman
- quoting a spread to a customer after this chat? You won't see
- that. How about RBS? You won't see that either. If they
- 25 can't even prove to you that there was a quote to -- a spread

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- 1 New York, worked with Mr. Condie. And Mr. Howarth, the
- salesperson in London, the senior salesperson in London. They will testify credibly. They will explain to you that Credit
- Suisse did not enter into a conspiracy, and they will explain
- why. The witnesses will tell you that Credit Suisse was a tiny
- 6 player in the market in 2007 when this supposed conspiracy started.
- There is Credit Suisse, number 14 with a whopping
- 9 1.51 percent market share. And what did Credit Suisse do?
- 10 They brought in a new team, a team that had had success
- 11 elsewhere in bringing in business. And what was the plan? The
- plan was to narrow spreads, to compete for customers, to grow
- 13 the market share, and to become a top ten player in the market.
- You do not bring customers in by charging higher 15 prices. The whole plan was to narrow spreads. That is the
- exact opposite of what companies in a price fixing conspiracy
- do. In a price fixing conspiracy, the object is to coordinate
- and not to compete, but Credit Suisse's whole business plan was
- 19 to compete on spreads, and the evidence is going to show that 20 that is exactly what Credit Suisse did.
- Here's a chat between a Credit Suisse customer Pharo 21 22 Management, it's a fund, and Aki Abiola, a Credit Suisse
- salesperson. The customer says: Aki, can you show a px in 15
- 24 EURNOK, please? What is that? Px is a price in a \$15 million
- 25 trade in euros for the Norwegian krone. Abiola says: OK. And

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- 2 Q. You understand the relevant period for this case is 2007 to
- 2013? 3 4 A. Yes.

1 A. Yes.

- **5** Q. I think we established with Mr. Coughlin you were at HSBC?
- 6 THE COURT: I am having trouble hearing and understanding you. 7
- MR. HALL: Let me get closer. 8
- THE COURT: Even better. Thank you.
- 10 Q. You told Mr. Coughlin you were at HSBC for part of that
- time until 2010; is that right?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. Then you joined Credit Suisse in 2010?
- 15 Q. You were there through 2013, and in fact much longer than
- 2013; is that right?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. When did you leave Credit Suisse?
- 19 A. I left Credit Suisse in July of this year.
- 20 Q. What are you doing now, Mr. Hatton?
- 21 A. I work for an Australian bank in foreign exchange.
- 22 Q. You are still trading FX?
- 23 A. Yes, I am.
- 24 Q. As an FX trader at Credit Suisse, what was your role with
- respect to particular trades that came in?

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- my judgment.
- Q. What factors would you have had to think about in those 10
- to 15 seconds to turn around a quote?

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- A. What my own position was, what the market was doing at the
- time, which, you know, which kind of customer was coming in,
- 6 what orders we might have in our books. So a lot of different
- factors.
- Q. You've been shown a series of chats here this afternoon.
- Those were Bloomberg chats; is that right?
- A. Yes. 10
- Q. Did you have a business reason to use a Bloomberg chat
- while you were at Credit Suisse, Mr. Hatton?
- A. While I was at Credit Suisse, I did participate in the
- chatroom as we've seen and we tried to, we talked to customers
- sometimes, we'd have internal chats, various different chats. 15
- Q. Did you have any business purpose for participating in
- those chats? 17
- A. The chats that I was in with customers would be exchanging
- our views. The chats we had internal would be for economic
- 20 information, what our economists might give us. And then the
- chats that I had with other banks might be for market color, 21
- what views were, things of that nature.
- 23 Q. When you referred to market color, what was to be gained
- with a firm chatting with traders who worked for other banks?
- 25 A. We would get views, we would try to have a reality check on

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- where the market was at any particular time. We dealt with
- very volatile currencies, so we wanted to make sure we all had
- a handle on the market.
- **4** Q. When you are talking about having a handle on the market,
- what do you mean specifically?
- 6 A. Just so we were pricing liquidity and volatility properly.
- 7 Q. Why wouldn't you have just asked other traders at Credit
- Suisse? What was to be gained by talking about talking to
- traders at other banks?
- 10 A. The other traders at Credit Suisse were trading their own
- currencies. So I was a bit on my own trading Asia. 11
- 12 Q. You've been asked a series of questions here today about
- one chatroom in particular which The Old Gits chatroom. Is
- that right?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. How did you know the people who were The Old Gits chatroom
- with you?
- 18 A. I had been in the market for a while with them. I
- considered them friends. We had all been trading the mostly in
- 20 the Asian market or emerging markets for quite some time.
- 21 Q. We've seen a series of chats where you talked about, among
- other things, FX spreads in The Old Gits chatroom. Is that
- 23 right?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. Would you ever take a spread that was discussed in a

1 A. Sure. So there was no central marketplace for the

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- currencies that we were trading. So, I had to put a proper
- price on amounts that I couldn't necessarily get out of right
- away, so I might have to hold that position for 10 minutes, 15
- minutes, 20 minutes, sometimes even longer, depending on the
- currency and the time of day.
- Q. How did that make it important that you price 7
- appropriately?
- A. So, you know, our goal, our goal was to, you know, do
- business with the customer as I was building the business, so
- we had to take into consideration -- try to price the customers 11
- 12 competitively, at the same time make sure the risk is priced
- properly so the bank doesn't lose money. 13
- So there is a fine line where you want to find the 14
- 15 right thing where the customer's happy and the bank incurs
- little risk. 16
- Q. We've seen some chats in the course of this afternoon where
- you seemed pretty unhappy. Is that fair, Mr. Hatton, at
- certain moments?
- 20 A. Yes.

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- 21 Q. What's your feeling as you sit here today about seeing some
- of those chats?
- 23 A. I have some of the same feelings now that I'm remembering
- now that I see them, yeah.
- 25 Q. Why is that?

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- chatroom and use it to quote a two-way price to a customer
- without applying your own judgment?
- 3 A. No.
- 4 O. Why not?
- 5 A. Because it was just one piece of information. There's so
- many, as I mentioned before, there is a lot of other pieces of
- information that goes into making a price to a customer. 8 Q. What in particular did you get out of information you might
- have gotten about other traders' opinions on FX spreads? How
- 10 did at that help you?
- 11 A. Well, I could make sure that my knowledge of volatility and
- liquidity was right for the time.
- 13 Q. Mr. Coughlin read to you from a Credit Suisse policy
- document. Do you remember that?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 O. That was dated October 2010?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. Do you believe as you sit here today, Mr. Hatton, that
- anything that you did or discussed in The Old Gits chatroom
- 20 constituted a violation of that policy at the time you said it?
- 21 A. No.
- 22 Q. As you mentioned a minute ago, Mr. Hatton, you wanted to
- make sure you were pricing liquidity and volatility accordingly
- or appropriately. Could you explain to the jury what that
- 25 means?

1 A. Because I think that there's still -- at the time and maybe

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- even now, there's still customers that are trying to -- there
- are certain customers that you don't want to do business with.
- Q. Why would you not want to do business with a particular
- customer at a particular time?
- A. So certain customers would have a tendency to deal with
- multiple banks at the same time, creating a push in the market
- where the deal that you did, it would go against you most
- likely very fast and you would lose money.
- Q. Can we look at 244A, Plaintiff's 244A. Mr. Coughlin showed you this chat earlier this afternoon.
- Mr. Hatton, do you remember that? 12
- A. Yes.
- 14 Q. And in particular, I believe Mr. Coughlin focused on a line
- which is at 13:52:51. Do you see that?
- 16 A. Yes, I see that now.
- 17 Q. You're saying here just both quote them wide and same, that
- way they have no tight price, right?
- 20 Q. What was going on here, Mr. Hatton, when you said that?
- 21 A. I was referring to a specific customer who it seemed was --
- well, was asking someone else for the exact same thing, and it
- was a customer who was notorious for doing what I just said before with dealing with multiple banks at the same time.
- 25 Q. What's wrong with a customer dealing with multiple banks at

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- the same time?
- 2 A. As I said it's usually, it's a bit unethical at the time
- and also it creates almost a guaranteed loss for the bank.
- **4** Q. How's that?
- 5 A. So if there's -- you're making a price on \$20 million, for
- example. He might deal \$20 million with two other people. So
- \$60 million is actually hitting the market rather than 20.
- 8 Q. How does that affect your own risk?
- 9 A. So it would, if -- depending on how the other banks acted,
- it could most likely drive the price against me before I could
- get out. 11
- **12** Q. How does that relate to the chat we are looking at here?
- 13 A. Directly related.
- 14 Q. Can you explain to the jury?
- 15 A. Sure. So this customer was someone who was one of those
- customers who had a reputation for doing just as I explained.
- So, the incentive to quote a customer like this is pretty low.
- 18 Q. Did you want this customer to trade with you at a wide
- price? 19
- 20 A. I didn't want the customer to trade with us at all.
- 21 Q. Let's look at 2139A. I'll refer you, Mr. Hatton, at the
- line at 15:12:52 that we just looked at a minute ago with
- Mr. Coughlin.
- 24 A. Yeah.
- 25 Q. What's happening here?

electronic platform, it was all -- it was all open cry I guess

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- you would call it. So, you are trying to source liquidity to
- manage your risk properly and also work customer orders or your
- own interests with other people that are in the market.
- Q. Just for clarity for the jury, how can you tell looking at
- this that this is a question where you're trading and not
- competing?
- A. I said I can take, meaning I would buy \$5 million, and then
- the next line I say I can take 5, meaning I will buy 5 at a
- 10
- 11 Q. Mr. Cummins agrees to sell it to you, correct?
- 12 A. Correct.
- 13 Q. Put that one aside. Let's look at 1191B. I'll refer you
- to the line at 11:58:14, Mr. Hatton.
- 15 A. Yup.
- 16 Q. Before we go to this particular line. This is dated
- April 19, 2010, do you see that?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. Where were you working at that time?
- 20 A. HSBC.
- 21 Q. We don't need to revisit the specific language, but
- Mr. Coughlin asked you about this line and suggested that you
- were threatening the people in this chatroom. Do you remember
- 24 that?

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25 A. I remember that, yeah.

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- 1 A. I've been invited into the chatroom, and I see who is in
- the chatroom and I make a comment.
- 3 Q. What comment did you make?
- 4 A. "This is a den of thieves."
- 5 Q. What did you mean by that?
- 6 A. It's just -- it was a figure of speech. It was if I walked
- into a bar and saw friends and called them a bunch of losers.
- It was just a comment. It was meant as a joke.
- 9 Q. You knew these guys?
- 10 A. I did.
- 11 Q. Let's look at Plaintiff's 1944A. And I'll refer you to
- line 17:28:18.
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. Mr. Coughlin asked you whether the gentlemen in this
- chatroom were your competitors. Do you remember that?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. Are you competing with respect to the comments around
- 17:58:18 or are you trading?
- 19 A. Trading.
- 20 Q. Why would you be trading with somebody in this chatroom?
- 21 A. We -- from time to time used chatrooms to try to maximize
- liquidity for either filling customer orders or the bank's
- 23 risk.
- 24 Q. How did that help you do business?
- 25 A. Well, if we had a customer order, because there was no

- Hatton Cross 1 Q. Is that what you were doing, Mr. Hatton?
- 2 A. No.
- 3 Q. How do you know?
- 4 A. Because, first of all, these guys are my friends. It's
- kind of just the way I would talk to them and the way I would
- talk to other friends. That's how I talk to friends sometimes.
- Also there is a lot of context earlier in the chat that I was
- just frustrated.
- 9 O. Frustrated about what?
- A. Frustrated because I had been asked on a price earlier and
- I made a price and they didn't trade. Then I found out, then I
- got the feedback that the person said that they would get a better spread and a bigger amount, which I didn't really
- 14 believe. And then come to find out they actually dealt on a
- wider spread, it was just they had found a better price to buy 15
- dollars than I had showed. So it was very frustrating.
- 17 Q. How could a wider spread be a better price, Mr. Hatton?
- A. Because he got, he knew -- the customer knew which way he
- wanted to be, he was a buyer of dollars and he got shown a
- 20 better price to buy dollars than what I showed. Even though we
- both showed a two-way price. 21
- Q. So in other words, a wider spread can actually be a better
- price depending how the customer wants to trade. Is that fair?
- 24 A. That's correct.
- 25 Q. One of the participants in The Old Gits chatroom,

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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20	Mr. Hatton, was a man named Christopher Cummins; is that right? A. Yes. Q. Did you ever enter into an agreement of any kind related to FX trading with Mr. Cummins? A. No. Q. Plaintiffs asked you about chats where you had conversations with Jason Katz. Do you remember that? A. Yes. Q. Did you ever enter into an agreement relating to FX trading with Jason Katz? A. No. Q. Do you understand that Mr. Cummins was criminally prosecuted, Mr. Hatton? A. I do. Q. Do you understand that Mr. Katz was criminally prosecuted? A. I do. Q. Were you ever criminally prosecuted, Mr. Hatton? A. No. Q. Mr. Hatton, did you ever enter into an agreement with anyone to manipulate FX spreads? A. No. MR. HALL: No further questions. THE COURT: Okay. You are excused. Thank you. (Witness excused) MR. COUGHLIN: Your Honor, we are going to put on	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25	there is nothing, I have other conferences so if there is, I would probably want to come back. Is there anything pressing? MR. MOSS: Your Honor, we do have one thing that we would greatly appreciate it is a sensitive issue discussing briefly off the record. We can do it tonight, we can also do it tomorrow morning before court. It's not pressing in that regard. THE COURT: Briefly off the record, like really briefly? MR. MOSS: Yes. Very briefly. THE COURT: Let's be off the record and go ahead. (Discussion off the record) (Adjourned until October 13, 2022, at 9:30 a.m.) PLAINTIFF EXHIBITS Exhibit No. Received 1191-B, 1142-B, 1974-B, and 2228-B 108
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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25	another depo clip. It should bring us to the end of the day. THE COURT: How long is it? MR. COUGHLIN: It's probably 45 minutes. MR. HALL: Do you know who it is? MR. COUGHLIN: Mr. Little. THE COURT: Okay. I assume you'll read something to tell us all who that is. MR. COUGHLIN: Yes. MR. BURKE: May I address the jury, your Honor? THE COURT: You may. MR. BURKE: We're about to see a video from Mr. Peter Little who is unavailable. He traded FX at HSBC, Barclays, and Credit Suisse. (Video deposition of Peter Little playing) THE COURT: Why don't we take a break right there. It's hard to get it at exactly the right place, but we've come to the end of the day. So if we could just resume this tomorrow. MR. COUGHLIN: Yes. THE COURT: Ladies and gentlemen, thank you for your attention and your patience. We'll see you tomorrow same time. Have a good evening. Don't talk about the case. Please leave your notes on the chair. (Jury excused) THE COURT: We are adjourned for the day. I assume	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25	EXAMINATION Examination of: Page ERIC JEAN CHRISTOPHE ROBIN Direct By Mr. Noss

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- 1 Q. You disagree that 40 hours a week times 52 weeks times
- 2 \$400?
- 3 A. It's not -- the math might be right. It's not 40 hours a
- 4 week
- ${\bf 5}~~{\bf Q}.~~{\bf I}$ am just asking you about the annualized basis but we can
- 6 move on.
- 7 Mr. Katz, you're here because the plaintiffs called
- 8 you to testify in their case, correct?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. Let's talk about the crime to which you pleaded guilty.
- 11 You were in a chatroom, we covered this, called the ZAR, right?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. Can we take a look please at DTX 2003.
- Mr. Katz, you worked for Barclays and then PNB Paribas
- 15 during the time that you were in the ZAR chatroom, right?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. Mr. Cummins was also in the chatroom. He worked for
- 18 Citibank, right?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. Mr. Williams was also in the ZAR chat?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. He worked for Barclays, right?
- 23 A. Correct.
- 24 Q. And Mr. Aiyer, he was the fourth member, correct?
- 25 A. Yes.

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. That was one of the -- we covered this with Mr. Burke -- it
- 3 was one of the CEEMEA currencies?
- 4 A. Correct.
- 5 Q. CEEMEA stands for Central and Eastern Europe Middle East
- 6 and Africa, right?
- 7 A. Correct.
- 8 Q. And I think we covered the currencies, it includes the
- 9 South African rand, right?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. The Hungarian forint, correct?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. The Polish zloty, right?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. Is that right?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. The Czechoslovakian koruna?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. The Romanian Leu?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. The Russian ruble?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. The Turkish lira, right?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. And the Israeli shekel, right?

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- 1 Q. And he worked for JPMorgan Chase, right?
- 2 A. Yes.
- **3** Q. Among the four of you there were four banks represented:
- 4 Barclays, BNP, Citi, and JPMorgan, right?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. There were no other members of the ZAR chatroom, other than
- 7 you four, correct?
- 8 A. Correct.
- 9 Q. There was certainly no Credit Suisse trader in the ZAR
- 10 chatroom, right?
- 11 A. Correct.
- 12 Q. Mr. Katz, you never pleaded guilty to an antitrust
- 13 conspiracy involving anyone other than Mr. Cummins, Mr. Aiyer,
- and Mr. Williams, right?
- 15 A. Correct.
- 16 Q. All the other traders in the world who weren't in the ZAR
- 17 chatroom, they weren't part of the conspiracy to which you
- 18 pleaded guilty, correct, sir?
- 19 A. Correct.
- 20 Q. And no trader who worked for any other bank participated in
- 21 the chats or the chatroom, that being the ZAR, that led to your
- 22 guilty plea, right?
- 23 A. Correct.
- 24 Q. And we covered ZAR means South African rand, right,
- 25 Mr. Katz?

1 A. Yes.

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- 2 Q. It doesn't include euro/dollar, dollar/yen, Great British
- 3 pound/yen?
- 4 A. Just as crosses, but not as the primary.

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- 5 Q. The conspiracy to which you pleaded guilty was limited to
- 6 only the CEEMEA currency pairs, right?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. So, Mr. Katz, before you pleaded guilty, you faced a
- 9 maximum potential of 10 years in jail, right?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. And you signed the plea agreement with the Department of
- 12 Justice, correct?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. And the agreement you reached required the government to
- write a letter to the judge on your behalf to argue that you
- shouldn't go to jail, right?
- 17 A. Correct.
- 18 Q. And but Mr. Katz, to get that letter, you had to hold up
- 19 your end of the bargain, correct?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. Right. And what that meant, among other things, is you had
- 22 to cooperate fully and truthfully with the Department of
- 23 Justice, right?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. And Mr. Katz, the truthfully part, that was important,

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MAD3FOR1 Page 327 MADHFor2 J. Katz - Cross Katz - Cross Page 329 1 Gits, right? BY MR. MOSS: 2 Q. And you know, by the way, that the government never 2 A. Yes. 3 Q. When it came time to confess to the government about prosecuted Mr. Mullaney or Mr. Sweeney, right? 4 A. Right. 4 everything you did wrong, the only ones in this chatroom who you identified as your co-conspirators were Mr. Cummins, 5 Q. Now let's focus on Mr. Hatton for a minute. Mr. Mullaney, and Mr. Sweeney, right? He worked at Credit Suisse for part of the time he was 7 A. Correct. in The Old Gits, correct? 8 Q. You didn't conspire with any of the others, correct? A. Correct. 9 A. I didn't believe so. 9 Q. Let's be very clear about this for the jury, Mr. Katz. You 10 Q. You didn't conspire with Mr. Barisic, right? did not identify Mr. Hatton as a coconspirator when you spoke 11 A. I didn't believe so. to the government, right? 12 Q. Even though he was in The Old Gits chatroom, correct? 12 A. Correct. 13 A. Correct. 13 Q. And in fact, it's your testimony that you never conspired 14 Q. Even though you think you were conspiring with the other with Mr. Hatton to violate the antitrust laws, correct, sir? people in The Old Gits chatroom, right? 15 A. Yes, I didn't believe so. 16 A. Right. 16 Q. Right. In fact, you told the government affirmatively that you did not conspire with Mr. Hatton, right? 17 Q. You didn't think you conspired with Mr. Cook either, right? 18 A. Correct. A. I -- correct, I don't believe I did. Q. Right. And that's what you told the government in those 50 **19** Q. Even though he was in The Old Gits chatroom, correct? 20 A. Yes. hours of meetings, right? 21 A. I don't remember if I specifically mentioned him. 21 Q. You didn't think you conspired with Mr. McInerney, right? 22 A. Correct. Q. Let's take a look at your trial testimony from the Aiyer 23 O. Even though he was in The Old Gits chatroom, right? trial. This is page 1093, and it's going to be lines 15 and 17. 24 A. Yeah. 24 25 Q. Even though you were conspiring with other people in that 25 Can we pull that up, please. J. Katz - Cross MAD3FOR1 Katz - Cross Page 328 MADHFor2 Page 330 1 chatroom, right? You recall that you testified --A. I'm sorry. I don't have -- now I'm getting it. 2 A. Yes. 3 Q. Right. You didn't think you conspired with Mr. Sheppard at Q. You recall, Mr. Katz, you testified in the Aiyer trial? 4 Bank of America, right? THE COURT: This is not in evidence. You're just 5 A. Correct. asking him about this. We won't display it, but the witness 6 Q. Even though he was in that same chatroom, correct? 7 A. Yes. Q. Mr. Katz, when you testified in the Aiyer trial, you gave truthful testimony, right? **8** Q. And so let's talk about Mullaney and Sweeney. The reason you believed you conspired with Sweeney and Mullaney within 9 A. Yes. this chatroom was that you all traded the ZAR, the South Q. Does this refresh your recollection that you testified African rand, right? previously that you affirmatively told the government that 12 A. Correct. Mr. Hatton was not --12 13 Q. You overlapped currency pairs, right? 13 THE WITNESS: They're showing me the thing, your 14 A. Correct. Honor. 14 15 Q. Right. Meaning you traded the same ones, correct? MR. MOSS: Sorry. I think we can take it off the 15 16 A. Yes. screen. Sorry, your Honor. (Continued on next page) Q. Does this refresh your recollection, Mr. Katz, that you 17 affirmatively told the government that Mr. Chris Hatton was not 18 one of your coconspirators? 19 20 20 A. I can't see anything, so... 21 Q. Oh. I'm sorry. I thought it should have been just on 21 Mr. Katz's screen. 22 23 23 A. Sorry. I have nothing on mine. 24 Q. You have it now? 24 25 A. No, I don't. 25

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1767. And ask you the same question. In reviewing the record

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- evidence, and reaching your conclusions, did you consider
- Plaintiff's Exhibit 1767, in which Credit Suisse starts off a 3
- chat conversation asking how wide is 100 quid. And then Morgan
- Stanley trader responds 12 to 15. And then Bank of America
- says, hey, per the fed not allowed to ask what you make. Fear
- of collusion and PX fixing. He goes on to say, the Morgan 7
- 8 Stanley securities trader goes on to say, wow, what a narc.
- 9 The Credit Suisse trader responds FX police.
- Did you review that chat in the course of reaching 10
- your conclusions? 11
- 12 A. I did.

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- Q. In reaching your conclusions, of what significance did you
- find this conduct?
- 15 A. Well, as an economist, we are trying to understand if the
- evidence is more consistent with a conspiracy or with 16
- competitive interaction where firms are pursuing their own 17
- independent self-interest. And when the defendants are 18
- referring to their activities as collusion and price fixing, it 19
- 20 gives you at least a vantage as to how they see their own
- conduct, and it helps us to make an assessment of, again, 21
- whether the totality of the evidence is pointing in the 22
- direction of conspiracy or in competition.
- Q. The second element of your paradigm was performance. What
- did you conclude with regard to performance?

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1 Q. Mr. Katz, Dr. Singer, testified this morning regarding the

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- closing of the chatrooms. Without us being able to talk we
- would lose a lot of money.
- Is that consistent with your understanding and your
- conclusion?
- A. Yes.

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- Q. Would collusion, Dr. Singer, to wide spreads in the
- dealer-to-customer market be economically profitable to Credit
- Suisse and the other defendants?
- A. Yes. In the absence of collusion, the firms would have to 10
- compete and they'd have to set their prices individually and in
- 12 their own self best interest. And the good thing from a
- competition perspective from consumers is that means lower 13
- prices. The bad thing from the suppliers' perspective is it
- 15 means lower prices.
- 16 And so, if firms are conspiring in the FX market, they 17 can widen the spread, that increases the trading cost to their
- clients, but increases the profitability to the defendants.
- 19 Q. Would these higher profits for the trading dealers have an
- impact on consumers? 20
- 21 A. Yes, it would harm their clients, it would harm consumers.
- 22 Consumers want lower trading costs.
- 23 And so, I think there was an example given by
- Mr. Robin two days ago but where just a slight inflation in
- pips, including artificial inflation that can come about from a

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- 1 A. I concluded that the performance of the industry, once it
- was subject to the challenged conduct, to the alleged
- conspiracy, and the erection of this network was extremely 3
- valuable to the defendants, and it had had a material
- improvement on their profitability. In fact they were 5
- concerned when the network -- if and when the network were to
- 7 come down, their profitability would materially decline.
- Q. Could we see, please, Plaintiff's Exhibit 1741. In your review of the record evidence, did you consider Plaintiff's
- Exhibit 1741, which states at the beginning: So the bad news 10
- is that this chats days are numbered. So once again clients 11
- can screw us. It will cost banks millions. All the fun taken 12
- out of the industry and the profitability. 13
- Did you consider that chat in reaching your 14
- conclusions? 15
- A. I did.
- Q. From an economic perspective, Dr. Singer, is it reasonable 17
- to infer that conduct that was profitable, if stopping that
- conduct would cost millions?
- 20 A. If I understand your question directly, it is reasonable to
- infer that if conduct is profitable, then stopping that conduct 21
- 22 will end up costing the bank and costing their profitability,
- 24 Q. Now that you understood in reviewing that chat?
- 25 A. Correct.

price fixing conspiracy, could cause the transaction cost on one trade, he showed us, to go up by \$10,000.

- 3 Now, when you add that up over all the trades, that 4 can come to a very significant amount. And this is coming out
- of the pockets of the plaintiffs -- of the class members. They
- include the firefighters, the pension funds, so the reduction
- in their savings means less retirement. This is a real harm to
- the consumers, to the class members.
- Q. Was increased profitability --
- 10 MR. MOSS: Objection. Move to strike, your Honor.
- THE COURT: Overruled. 11
- Q. Dr. Singer, was increased profitability a common goal among 12
- the defendants?
- A. Yes. The evidence points in the direction that the common
- goal across the defendants was to widen the spreads, to keep
- them wide, don't allow the spreads to get tight, so as to
- increase the profitability. And this common goal served to 17
- 18 bind the defendants across defendants and across the chatrooms,
- regardless of what currency pair they were trading.
- 20 Q. In the opening statement, defense counsel represented that
- the defendants' agreements to widen spreads were isolated and 21
- did not have a widespread effect. Do you agree?
- A. No, I disagree and for at least two reasons. The first, as
- Mr. Robin explained, that all of these prices are 24
- 25 interconnected. And so, if there were, if there was a

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- 1 conspiracy, right?
- 2 A. Correct.
- 3 Q. And so if we can go down to Mr. Popham-Holloway.
- 4 Mr. Popham-Holloway says: How wide is 10 eur/Norwegian krone
- 5 at mom?
- 6 I think that's at moment, right? At the moment, does
- 7 that seem right?
- 8 A. Yeah, Norwegian krone, at the moment, correct. Norwegian
- 9 krone, yes.
- 10 Q. And Mr. Popham-Holloway is at Westpac, correct? We just
- 11 talked about that.
- 12 A. Sure.
- 13 Q. So Mr. Popham-Holloway, one of the non-conspirators,
- 14 allegedly, is asking for a spread in one of these private
- 15 chatrooms, right?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. And Mr. Clark responds with a range, 70 to 80, correct?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. And Mr. Clark is from Citi, which is alleged to be in the
- 20 conspiracy, right?
- 21 A. Correct.
- 22 Q. So here what you have is you have a supposed conspiracy
- 23 member sharing spread information with a supposed
- 24 non-conspiracy member, right?
- 25 A. That is correct. Bringing a non-defendant bank into the

- 1 bank makes to its customer, right? That's what you just
- 2 explained.
- 3 A. I think that's fair.
- 4 Q. Right. And that information doesn't exist. It's not
- 5 captured. It doesn't exist in the record, right?
- 6 A. The only time it's captured is when you see in a chat
- 7 transcript a bank telling you what he has -- a trader telling
- 8 you what he has quoted to a customer. Sometimes you see that,
- 9 but I'll leave it at that.
- 10 Q. And that's only captured if they're telling the truth,
- 11 right?
- 12 A. Correct.
- 13 Q. And not only are you not privy to the actual spread quotes,
- but the banks at the time, they were not privy to the spreads
- 15 that other banks were quoting to their customers, correct?
- 16 A. They're not privy to it. However, this is important.
- 17 If -- if all the information that was being presented were
- 18 false, this was just a bunch of fake news being spread around
- 19 to divert, then you'd query why in the world were these guys
- 20 investing so much time in a chatroom for six-plus years?
- The other point I'd make, too, that's important for
- 22 the jury is that if -- if someone said he was going to quote
- 23 wide in accordance to an agreement cut in a chatroom and he
- 24 ended up cutting your legs out from under you, right, you would

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25 find out. You'd lose the client. So the notion that we

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- 1 ring, into the network, only means matters are worse for
- 2 consumers. This is just -- this is just a worse fact pattern
- 3 for consumers. They're getting less competition.
- 4 Q. All right. Dr. Singer, let's look at another one.
- 5 Dr. Singer, to cut through it, you know that 600 or so
- of the chats that you've identified all have non-alleged
- 7 conspirators in it, right?
- 8 A. Oh, it could be. It could be 600 out of the 2,400, but
- 9 that wasn't the criteria to make it in, right? To make it in,
- 10 you had to have at least two defendant banks on a chat in which
- banks were trying to get at the right price.
- 12 Q. Dr. Singer, by the way, you've been assuming -- you assume
- in your -- in your opinions, that a spread discussed in a
- chatroom was actually quoted to a customer, right?
- **15** A. I don't think that I'm necessarily assuming that, no.
- 16 Q. Because you don't know that because you don't get to
- 17 actually observe the spread that was quoted to the customer,
- 18 right?
- 19 A. I think it's fair, just so the jury knows, many of these
- 20 quotes that occur, the conversations that are occurring between
- 21 the sales desk and the customer, is done by phone, and there's
- 22 no recording of the conversation there. So I will grant you
- that I was not listening in, and I don't have a recording of
- 24 those conversations.
- 25 Q. Because you're not privy to the quote that a particular

- 1 shouldn't take any of this seriously, this is all just cheap
- 2 talk, is very hard for me as an economist to accept.
- **3** Q. Dr. Singer, I think I asked you only whether or not it was
- 4 true that the banks were not privy at the time to the spreads
- 5 that other banks were quoting to their customers, correct?
- 6 A. I -- I will grant you that once the conversation was
- 7 hatched, once the -- the coordination had occurred inside of a
- 8 chatroom, it would be -- it would be difficult for a given
- 9 trader to see what his rival ultimately charged to a particular
- 10 client. They wouldn't get to see that. I will grant you that.
- To chem. They wouldn't get to see that. I will grain you that
- 11 Q. But once the coordination occurred in the chatroom -- I
- 12 thought you weren't offering any opinions in this case about
- whether there was an agreement?
- 14 A. I didn't say there was an agreement. I said whether they
- 15 coordinated on spreads.
- 16 Q. Dr. Singer, you didn't perform any of your own empirical
- 17 analysis to determine how frequently the banks shared spreads
- in chatrooms, right?
- 19 A. Well, I think I would respectfully disagree. I think that
- 20 these 2,400 records are all indicative of an attempt to
- 21 coordinate on spreads, and I think in my initial report, as you
- recall, in 2018, I did do a frequency analysis of the
- 23 conveyance of competitively sensitive information in the
- 24 chatroom. You probably recall that.
- 25 Q. And you're not offering that opinion anymore, right, sir?

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- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. The factors include the trade size. That's one, right, the
- factors include the trade size?
- 4 A. My screen went break.
 - THE COURT: And we couldn't hear you for a moment.
- Let's back up a second. I think we lost power in your little
- box for a moment, so could you just back up.
- Q. Of course. Could you hear me now?
- 9 A. I've always been able to hear you. I was can't -- I was
- reading along with you, and then my scene went blank. It's
- 11 still bank.
- 12 Q. So --
- 13 A. There you go.
- 14 Q. When you talk about the pricing of FX transactions, what
- are you talking about there?
- A. Well, you've only shown me paragraph 30. So to know the
- 17 context, I think I'd want to know where this shows up in my
- 18 report.
- But you're probably aware that in my initial report, 19
- 20 the pricing model that I estimated was for a different price,
- which is -- which is the price on the inter-bank market. 21
- Q. Let's take a look here, Dr. Singer. 22
- 23 You say: These include market-specific factors as
- well as factors -- market-specific factors -- let me read the 24
- whole thing -- including inter-bank price, trade size, 25

- 1 But I'll grant you -- maybe we can come to a happy
- place here -- that if the volatility is expected, if it's 2
- normal times, right, then I would submit that normal times is
- 4 not going to affect the quote that's offered in the
- 5 customer-dealer segment per Mr. Robin's testimony. If we're
- talking about abnormal times, that is, extreme volatility,
- 7 there's some shock to the system, then that kind of volatility
- 8 could affect the quote that's given to the customer in the
- 9 dealer-customer segment.
- Q. Dr. Singer, do you stand by the statement in your report
- that the pricing is affected by trade size, volatility,
- 12 liquidity, order type, customer volume, customer
- sophistication, and the likelihood of being informed? It's 13
- just a yes-or-no question.
- A. I stand by it with the caveat that the pricing here is
- likely the pricing in either the inter-bank segment or the
- customer service segment or both. 17
- Q. So let's talk, Dr. Singer -- we can put that down, please.

Let's talk about spread stability for a moment. You 19 talked a little bit about that on direct. 20

You haven't performed any original quantitative 21 analysis about the durability of spreads, right?

- A. I think that's fair. I think that my conclusions with
- regard to spread stability turn largely on what I call -- there
- are others' quantitative analysis that is not original

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- volatility, liquidity, and order type, as well as factors
- specific to the transaction type and the type of customer, such
- as customer volume, sophistication, and likelihood of being 3
- informed. 4
- Do you see that? 5
- Q. And it's true that FX prices depend on the trade size,
- 8 right?
- 9 A. The trade size would inform prices in both the inter-bank
- segment and the dealer-to-customer segment.
- 11 O. Let's focus on the dealer-to-customer segment.
- 12 A. OK. Great.
- 13 Q. The notional amount, the amount of the trade, that would
- affect prices, right?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. Volatility, correct? Right? It's right here,
- Dr. Singer --
- 18 A. Yeah, I know, but to be clear --
- 19 Q. -- in your report.
- 20 A. I know, and to be clear, my model that I estimate in my
- report was of the inter-bank segment. So I think what I'm 21
- 22 doing when I'm splitting out that sentence is I'm listing
- 23 out -- I would need more context, but it's potential that I'm
- listing out those factors that inform the EBS, that is, the 24
- pricing in the inter-bank.

- empiricism or qualitative evidence, I'll grant you.
- So it's a long way of saying, yes, I don't think I did
- original empiricism on question of stability.

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- Q. You're primarily relying on Mr. Robin for the proposition
- that spreads are stable, right? 5
- A. Not primarily. I definitely rely on Mr. Robin, but I
- 7 wouldn't say primarily.
- 8 I think that if you go into the various sections of
- 9 my, you know, six-odd reports here, I cite many things. I know
- I cite chat transcripts that suggest that the spread in a given 10
- currency lasts a long time. I cite spread matrices. I cite
- 12 deposition testimony on what spread matrices mean and how long they last. But certainly for the purposes of the jury and 13
- today, I would defer to Mr. Robin and I lean on Mr. Robin for
- 15 the notion that the customer's expectation is that once they
- got that spread matrix, that it would last for the next 16
- 17 quarter.

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- Q. And, Dr. Singer, you did not see in the record, in your
- review of what the plaintiffs' counsel gave you, any evidence
- 20 of traders discussing the fact that customer spreads actually
- changed by the minute or by the second, right? 21
- A. I might need to hear that back, but if it's have I ever
- 23 seen record evidence that customer spreads changed by the
- second, I don't think I have, and that's not consistent with my
- understanding. 25

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- 1 Q. Right. You've never seen that.
- So have you ever heard of Niall Condie?
- 3 A. Possible, but the name isn't --
- 4 Q. He's the head trader on Credit Suisse's FX spot desk, and
- he had that role for the entire alleged class period. Does
- that refresh your recollection? Have you ever heard of him?
- 7 A. I don't -- I don't tend to focus on the names here, but I
- probably came across his name.
- Q. Sure. Let's take a look, if we can, please, at what's in evidence as DTX 086. 10
- 11 If we can jump down to 15:35:55.
- 12 Mr. Condie says: No, no, no, there are no such things 13 anymore as -- well, can we just jump up and get the -- get the question right above that, the two lines right before that, 14 15 please.
- 16 All right. So Mr. Menzl at Credit Suisse, he's saying: Yeah, I think I find it very difficult now to give any 17 fix spreadsheets. 18
- Do you see that? 19
- A. Yes. Just note, for the record, this looks like 20
- October 20, 2008, the beginning of the great recession.
- Q. Thanks, Dr. Singer. 22
- 23 Do you see that it says Markus Menzl says: Yeah, I
- think I find it very difficult now to give -- to give any --
- give any fix spreadsheets. 25

1 Q. Let me try it again.

When you said that you had never seen any record in

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- the evidence -- any information, any record evidence that any
- 4 trader discussed the fact that spreads were changing by the
- minute, by the second, had you seen this chat, yes or no?
- A. I had not seen the chat at that time.
- 7 Q. Thank you.
- Let's talk about competition, Dr. Singer. You
- performed your analysis with two dueling hypotheses, the
- competition hypothesis and the conspiracy hypothesis, right?
- 11 A. Correct.
- Q. And I think you said on direct something along the lines of
- competition is the opposite of conspiracy, right?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. And the reason they're dueling, competition and conspiracy,
- is that they can't both be true, right?
- A. They cannot both be true, that's correct.
- Q. And it's a pretty fair statement that competition is
- inconsistent with a conspiracy, right?
- 20 A. I will grant -- I will agree with you here that at a given
- 21 moment in time, that you can't have it both ways. Either firms
- are coordinating explicitly in the pricing they're charging the
- consumers or they're competing and choosing prices based on
- their own unilateral interest. You can't have both at the same 24
- 25 time.

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- Do you see that?
- 2 A. Yes, this would be a rough time. If a customer was
- demanding you to commit to a spread for three months and the
- world appears to be falling apart, it would be difficult under
- those extreme circumstances to offer a customer a spread 5
- 7 Q. And then Mr. Condie writes: No, no, no, there are no such
- things as spread matrix anymore. 8
- 9 Do you see that?
- A. Yes, consistent with my understanding what was happening 10
- with the world at that time.
- 12 Q. Then Mr. Condie says: I tell my guys they are to price
- liquidity accordingly, and that changes every hour, minute, 13
- 14
- Dr. Singer, had you seen this chat? 15
- A. I don't know if I've -- oh, I don't know if I had seen the
- chat, but the chat is consistent with what Mr. Robin is saying, 17
- which is that under normal circumstances, the prices that are 18
- quoted in the spread matrix are good for the next quarter. 19
- 20 That's an important caveat. What he's telling you is that when
- the world appears to be in doom, when we're entering in -- I 21
- 22 remember where I was in October of 2008. When the world looks
- like it's about to implode, everything goes out the window, and
- we can no longer commit to our customers that over the next
- three months, that the spread matrix is going to be good.

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- 1 Q. And if the banks were acting competitively, then you would
- have the opposite of a cartel, right, the opposite of a cartel?
- A. If the banks were choosing their spreads unilaterally,
- without coordinating with their rivals, then the spreads would
- fall down to the competitive levels, yes. 5
- Q. And you would have the opposite of a cartel, right?
- A. At least for that moment in time you would absolutely have
- the opposite of a cartel.
- Q. And if there weren't a conspiracy, the banks would have
- been forced to compete for customers by offering narrower
- spreads, right?
- A. In the absence of the alleged agreement here, competition
- to an economist would have been more intense. It would be more
- cutthroat. You wouldn't have any floors below which you get in
- 15 trouble by going below.

hypothetical.

- Q. You agree that in the absence of the alleged conspiracy,
- the banks would have been forced to compete for customers by
- 18 offering narrower spreads, right?
- 20 Q. And it's also true that if one bank were repeatedly
- undercutting the cartel price, you could draw the conclusion
- that that bank was not in the cartel, right?
- 23 A. I would need you to fill out a little more of the
- 25 So if you would allow me to just assume that we have

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1 I think that, therefore, covers the people who are 2 former Credit Suisse employees, as well as people who are 3 former employees of other banks.

Then the last paragraph is basically the same as what you suggested. I've modified it a little bit:

6 "I caution you that you may not find that the
7 plaintiffs have proven their claims against Credit Suisse based
8 solely on the negative inference, if any, you draw from the
9 fact that a witness or multiple witnesses," and then I will
10 say, "have refused to testify based on their Fifth Amendment
11 privilege. You may consider these negative inferences, but
12 without more, they are not sufficient to prove participation in
13 a conspiracy to restrain trade."

So that is my plan. Anybody have any issues with that?

MR. HALL: Your Honor, obviously, we'll reserve on the question of what it means to be associated, and we'll speak to that when we see it.

19 THE COURT: OK. Great.

Then I have the plaintiffs' two requests which are based on the argument that Credit Suisse has opened the door to evidence that was not previously allowed. The first one is the argument that Credit Suisse opened the door in its opening statement by injecting the fact that Credit Suisse had sued other banks and not just the plaintiff, and the plaintiffs are

in case you intend to make it a big part of your defense that
 Credit Suisse was never charged, never prosecuted, and was
 blessed by the regulators, then I would allow the plaintiffs at
 that point in a rebuttal case to introduce that. I presume you
 will not be doing that. But in any event, I'm reserving on
 that issue.

I think that's it for rulings that you're waiting for from me. Are there other issues that you'd like to raise?

MR. HALL: Your Honor, just one ministerial thing.

The parties have agreed that DTX 2011 and DTX 2012 can be admitted into evidence, and the Court has an email from my colleague, Mr. Wiley, October 13, to that effect.

THE COURT: I presume there's no objection, is that right?

MR. BURKE: No objection, your Honor.

THE COURT: All right. They are admitted.

17 (Defendant's Exhibits 2011 and 2012 received in evidence)

THE COURT: Are there any other plaintiffs' exhibits that need to be either corrected or admitted? I know you're getting close to the end of your case.

MR. BURKE: Yes, your Honor.

THE COURT: OK. Yes.

MR. WASHER: One issue, your Honor, just with respect

25 to the DFS order. Obviously, we're mindful --

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asking that they be allowed to tell the jury, or that the jury
be informed, that the other 15 banks settled or resolved their
disputes with the class.

I'm not going to grant that request. In other words, it is denied. I think that it's been clear from the beginning that there were 15 other banks, and I told the jury then not to speculate about them or what their status is. And I identified them in voir dire, so it's not secret that they exist. So I am not going to tell the jury that the other 15 banks settled with the defendant.

The second issue, I think, is a more difficult and troubling issue. The plaintiffs point out statements by defense counsel that "you'll hear no evidence that Credit Suisse was prosecuted," and I think there have been other references besides the opening statement, or at least implied arguments about the fact that Credit Suisse wasn't prosecuted, Credit Suisse wasn't charged.

The plaintiffs are asking that the New York Department
19 of Financial Services' order and consent decree be permitted to
20 be introduced to allay any misimpression that somehow Credit
21 Suisse's conduct was blessed by the regulators, and that at
22 this point strikes me as too strong.

So my decision at the moment is to reserve on it until I hear the Credit Suisse case. If Credit Suisse intends to make it -- and I presume you won't in light of this ruling, but

THE COURT: Could you speak into the mic, please. You could pick it up or bring it close.

MR. WASHER: There's no good way to do this. So mindful of your Honor's reserving on this, just, obviously, we will attempt to stay on the right side of the line with respect to the issue. It is possible that plaintiffs at some point will be making the argument that -- they may raise the issue of whether Credit Suisse was prosecuted or investigated by regulators, and, obviously, that would present us with a difficult choice. So I suppose we can talk about that if and when that comes up in connection with the plaintiffs' case or arguments.

The only other thing I'd ask your Honor to think about in the meantime is whether the proper remedy for an improper reference to no criminal prosecution would be the admission of the DFS order because, obviously, the DFS is not a criminal -- they don't have criminal authority. So --

THE COURT: And frankly, there's a lot in it that has nothing to do with issues in this case, but --

MR. WASHER: Exactly.

THE COURT: -- some kind of disclosure about the DFS
corder and that it included conduct relating to spreads might be
an appropriate remedy if we were to go in that direction.

MR. WASHER: Yeah. I think if somehow people were to

25 cross the line and talk about no criminal prosecution, I think

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MAEHFor1 Page 448 MAEHFor1 Singer - Cross Page 450 1 the cases that plaintiffs have cited, for example, suggest that 1 (Jury present) 2 the proper remedy would be a limiting instruction, at most, to THE COURT: Good morning, everyone. Thank you for 3 suggest that the standard of proof in a criminal case is 3 being prompt. It looks like lousy weather today, so a good day 4 different. So you shouldn't read anything into the fact that to be in here. 5 they weren't prosecuted. We were in the midst of testimony from Professor 5 If, of course, we raise the question of no regulatory Singer. Could we proceed. 7 enforcement against Credit Suisse, that's the kind of thing 7 MR. MOSS: Thank you, your Honor. 8 that we think is more likely to implicate the DFS order and all THE COURT: You recall you're still under oath? 8 of that. So I just ask your Honor to think about the THE WITNESS: Yes. 9 distinction. THE COURT: OK. Thank you. 10 10 11 THE COURT: I understand your point, particularly 11 HAL SINGER, resumed. about the differing burdens of proof. I understand the point. 12 CROSS-EXAMINATION CONTINUED 12 I'm not sure the jury will make such fine distinctions, but I 13 BY MR. MOSS: understand your argument. Let's see how it all develops. 14 Q. Good morning, Dr. Singer. Can you hear me OK? MR. WASHER: Let's hope we don't go there. 15 A. You're fine. Good morning. 15 Q. Thank you. 16 MS. BERNAY: Your Honor, good morning. Alexandra 16 Bernay. Nice to see you. Dr. Singer, we had a long day yesterday. Just going 17 I wanted to address a couple points based on what to cover one more topic, and that's the regression. You recall Mr. Washer said. One is that defense counsel did elicit we touched on that a little bit yesterday, right? testimony that Mr. Hatton was not indicted, again raising some A. I don't think we did, but it's your show. You ask me 20 of these criminal issues. I would also -- and we put it in a whatever you want, I guess. 21 Q. All right. Thanks. Thank you, Dr. Singer. footnote because we don't intend ever to try to get in evidence You know what a regression is, right? regarding foreign regulatory actions. But, frankly, some of the actions in both South Africa that specifically name MR. HAUSFELD: Objection, your Honor. Beyond the 24 25 Mr. Hatton, for example, and then the European commission, 25 scope of direct. MAEHFor1 Page 449 MAEHFor1 Singer - Cross Page 451 1 which, for all intents and purposes, really is both the THE COURT: It sounds like it's beyond the scope of 2 criminal and civil because they don't even make that direct, but if you want to ask a foundational question that makes it clear that it's within the scope, I'll allow it. 3 distinction. So, your Honor, while we appreciate what you're 3 4 saying, and we'll wait and see, we do think there is a way to MR. MOSS: Well, Dr. Singer testified yesterday -- I 4 5 present at least the relevant portions of the DFS should this can find the transcript note -- that he prepared a regression come up again or, at a very minimum, a limiting instruction. 6 in this case. THE COURT: OK. 7 THE COURT: Why don't you just ask him whether it's MS. BERNAY: Thank you. true that he testified that he prepared a regression in this 8 9 THE COURT: Thank you. 9 case, and we'll take it from there. All right. We have a few minutes, so let's just break MR. HAUSFELD: Your Honor, I apologize, but I don't 10 10 11 until a couple minutes before 10:00. recall that. If we could get a citation to the page and line. 11 MR. MOSS: Sure. We can find it, your Honor. 12 (Recess) 12 THE COURT: Also on the plaintiffs' side, you'll tell THE COURT: All right. The word "regression" did not 13 13 14 me when we need the Fifth Amendment instruction, right? come up in a word search we just did. 14 MR. BURKE: Yes, your Honor. I recall there was some questioning, and he said he 15 15 THE COURT: Thank you. was not testifying on it -- this was actually on cross -- that 16 16 (Continued on next page) he was not testifying about certain subjects. 17 17 MR. MOSS: Yes, your Honor. There was a question and 18 18 answer -- let me get the cite of the trial transcript. It's 19 19 20 page 412 of the trial transcript, and I asked Dr. Singer: 20 "Volatility, correct? It's right here, Dr. Singer." 21 21 He said: Yeah, I know, but to be clear -- he said: 22 22 23 "I know, and to be clear, my model that I estimate in my report was of the inter-bank segment." And that's the model that he's 24 24

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referring to, your Honor.

October 14, 2022 MAEHFor1 Singer - Cross Page 452 MAEHFor1 Singer - Cross Page 454 1 THE COURT: If you want to ask -- so why don't you arbitrary level, there must be a conspiracy. That is not the follow up on that precise question. inference that I drew from that exercise. BY MR. MOSS: Q. And, Dr. Singer, the reason you didn't do that is because, 4 Q. Dr. Singer, you created a model in your report regarding in your opinion, what matters in this case is whether spreads spreads in the inter-bank segment, is that correct? were or were not inflated by the alleged conspiracy, correct? 6 A. Yes. MR. HAUSFELD: Objection, your Honor. Beyond the 6 7 Q. And that model is referred to as a regression model, is scope of the issue in the trial. The issue in the trial is 7 that correct? just whether there was a conspiracy and whether Credit Suisse 9 A. Yes. participated in the conspiracy. 10 Q. And a regression model is a type of econometric analysis, THE COURT: Sustained. 10 is that correct? Q. Dr. Singer, you've written in this case that the relevant 11 question is what happened to spreads. That that is the 13 Q. And it's basically a statistical method for trying to relevant question to determine, whether or not the evidence is figure out the effect that one thing has on another, consistent or not consistent with a conspiracy. You've controlling for other variables, correct? 15 15 repeatedly taken that position, correct? 16 A. Yes. A. I have taken that position with respect to the question of 17 Q. And, Dr. Singer, economists like yourself routinely run proving common impact. My first report in this case, as you regressions, correct? are aware, was a class certification report where my assignment 19 A. Yes. was to demonstrate that impact could be proven with common 20 Q. And, in fact, Dr. Singer, that's especially true in methods and evidence. I believe that question is different 20 antitrust cases, isn't it? 21 21 from the question that is being resolved in this proceeding. Q. And the question that's being resolved in this proceeding, 23 Q. And, Dr. Singer, how many times have you yourself conducted you address that in your rebuttal report from July of 2022, a regression analysis in your career as a professional expert correct? 25 witness? 25 A. It's possible that I do. I've written so many reports that MAEHFor1 Singer - Cross Page 453 MAEHFor1 Singer - Cross Page 455 1 A. Many, many times. it's possible that I address what's relevant. I'd have to see 2 Q. Can you give us a ballpark? You said you testified over what I said in the July report. Q. That was your most recent report. It was just from a few 3 100 times. About how many times did you offer a regression? 4 A. I don't have a good estimate sitting here, but it comes up months ago, right? a lot. A. OK. 5 6 Q. And that includes in this case where you prepared your Q. Why don't we take a look at that report. We don't have to model that we just talked about, right? publish it to the jury, but we can put it up on the screen 8 A. Correct. 8 here. 9 Q. And in this case, you ran a regression that tried to 9 This is your July 2002 report. You see it references Dr. Mathur. You know it's your July 2002 report, right? determine the effect on spreads of the alleged conspiracy 10 10 during the six-year alleged conspiracy period, correct, sir? 11 12 MR. HAUSFELD: Your Honor, if I may again, it's beyond Q. And what you say in your July 2002 report is: "Finally, 13 the scope of the direct. If the question came up in the question of whether spreads were discussed with sufficient cross-examination, he answered the question in the frequency relative to some arbitrary threshold to make the 14 cross-examination, but it has nothing to do with the testimony alleged conspiracy viable is a distraction" -- and if we could 15 15 that the plaintiffs presented in support of their case. pull up the next sentence also, Armando, please -- "is a 16 THE COURT: It's sustained. The testimony that was distraction. What matters is that spreads were, in fact, 17 17 referenced was in the cross-examination. inflated by the challenged conduct. This is the relevant 18 18 question." O. Dr. Singer, do you agree that the question of whether 19 Did I read that correctly? 20 spreads were discussed with sufficient frequency relative to 20 some arbitrary threshold to make the alleged conspiracy viable 21 A. Read it correctly. 21 is a distraction? Q. Do you still stand by that statement that you made a few 22

A. That's consistent with what I think I testified to

yesterday, that I didn't attach -- I didn't apply the 2,400

that came back to a level and say because it's above some

months ago in your July report?

A. Stand by the statement with the proper understanding that

it was the debate I was having with your expert, which is for

Page 458 MAEHFor1 Singer - Cross Page 456 MAEHFor1 Yanez - Direct 1 the purpose of proving impact, what matters is proof that the STEVEN YANEZ, called as a witness by the Defendant, 2 spreads widened. I think that the proceeding that we're having 2 here is a related but different question. having been duly sworn, testified as follows: 3 4 Q. Dr. Singer, this report was from July 2022, correct? 4 MR. HALL: May I proceed, your Honor? THE COURT: You may. 5 A. Correct. 5 **DIRECT EXAMINATION** 6 Q. And in this proceeding, you are not offering any opinion, you didn't tell the jury anything about what happened to BY MR. HALL: spreads and whether or not they were, in fact, inflated, even Q. Good morning, Mr. Yanez. A. Good morning. though you said a few months ago that that is the relevant question, right? 10 Q. Mr. Yanez, are you currently employed? 10 11 A. I --11 A. I'm retired. 12 Q. Yes-or-no question, Dr. Singer. 12 Q. When did you retire, sir? 13 A. I did not -- I did not testify in my direct on the issue of 13 A. 2011, June. the fact of injury, that is correct. 14 Q. Where did you work immediately before you retired? 15 A. I worked at Credit Suisse. 15 Q. And you had prepared an analysis. You spent four years working on an analysis to try to show that spreads were wider 16 Q. Would you mind explaining to the jury in brief your career during the alleged conspiracy period? 17 18 MR. HAUSFELD: Objection, your Honor. A. Sure. I joined Credit Suisse in 1993 as a trading --THE COURT: Sustained. trading manager. I kind of worked my way up to running 19 20 Q. And you didn't tell the jury that? different desks. And in 2008 I was asked to run global foreign 20 THE COURT: Sustained. exchange along with the business that I was running 21 21 MR. MOSS: Withdrawn. concurrently. 22 No further questions. Q. When did you join Credit Suisse? 23 MR. HAUSFELD: Thank you, your Honor. 24 A. 1993. 24 25 THE COURT: Ladies and gentlemen, just to remind you 25 Q. What were you doing immediately before the position you Yanez - Direct MAEHFor1 Singer - Cross Page 457 MAEHFor1 Page 459 that the questions of the lawyers is not evidence unless the took on in 2008? A. I was a trading manager at another firm. witness adopts it or agrees with it, only then is it evidence. 3 Q. And the position you took on at Credit Suisse in 2008, OK. You're excused. Thank you very much. 3 (Witness excused) immediately before that, what were you doing at Credit Suisse? 4 THE COURT: Plaintiffs may call their next witness. 5 A. I'm sorry. You're saying before 2008? 5 MR. HALL: Your Honor, we've agreed, if it's 6 6 Q. Yes, that's right. acceptable to the Court, to present a witness out of order to 7 A. I was running short-term interest rate trading globally. 7 accommodate the witness' schedule. So this will actually be a 8 Q. When did you first have a role in Credit Suisse's FX spot 8 9 defendant's witness, if that's acceptable. business, Mr. Yanez? 10 A. It was roughly June of 2008. 10 THE COURT: All right. Let me just explain to the 11 Q. What role did you take on at that time? 11 jury. Ordinarily in the trial the plaintiffs put all of 12 A. I took on the role of global product head. 12 their witnesses on first and they rest, and then the defendants 13 Q. How did it come to pass that you took that role? 13 put all their witnesses on next. I understand from what I just 14 A. I was asked by my current boss who was running fixed income 14 heard that there is a witness who has scheduling issues. So to 15 if I would like to take that on as well as keep my role running accommodate that witness, the parties have agreed that that short-term interest rates, Gael de Boissard was my boss. 16 person, who is a defense witness, can go out of turn. So we'll Q. Did Mr. de Boissard say anything to you about why he was 17 17 hear from whoever that is now. asking you to take on the new role? 18 18 19 Who is it? A. Yes. He thought I could be effective growing the business. 20 MR. HALL: Your Honor, we'll call Steven Yanez. Kind of moving it from a somewhat irrelevant player to a THE COURT: Thank you. relevant player. 21 MR. HALL: May I approach, your Honor? 22 Q. What was your view of Credit Suisse's FX business when you 23 THE COURT: You may. first took over as head of the business back in 2008? Are the two binders the same? A. It was more of a niche business. They weren't competing 24

MR. HALL: They are.

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kind of full stop against the biggest banks.

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1 Do you see that, Mr. Yanez?

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2 A. I do.

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- 3 Q. What is that referring to, "taking existing market share
- from competitors"?
- 5 A. Again, going to back to the pie concept, competitors had a
- certain part of the pie, and we needed to take more of it.
- 7 Q. And was that what you were trying to accomplish back at
- this time in 2010, Mr. Yanez, in your business?
- 10 Q. Was that mandate handed down to your employees by you,
- Mr. Yanez?
- 12 A. It most certainly was.
- 13 Q. If we look a little further down this same page under -- on
- the second bullet under competitive landscape, down toward the
- bottom, do you see that? 15
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. There's a bullet here says, "CS believes it can take some
- market share from DB. DB is watching CS and its new strategy 18
- very closely." 19
- 20 Do you see that?
- 21 A. I do.
- Q. What was DB refer to here?
- 23 A. That's Deutsche Bank.
- Q. Why was Deutsche Bank particularly relevant at this time,
- Mr. Yanez?

standard where they actually speak to clients, they ask clients

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- who trades, why they trade, and that kind of thing. And that's
- where we measure our market share as a percentage.
- Q. We'd like to put up an exhibit that's been preadmitted, DTX 2011.

6 Mr. Yanez, I'll explain to you that this is an exhibit

- that summarizes the Euromoney surveys you've just been
- referring to in CS's U.S. market share for the year 2008
- through '13.

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I know you left the bank in 2011, is that right?

- A. That's correct. 11
- Q. Could you just briefly explain to the jury in terms of what
- transpired in terms of CS's U.S. market share between 2008 and
- the time you left in 2011.
- A. Certainly. Well, if you look to the 2008 part, which shows
- 16 that we had less than 1 percent market share, during our growth
- period where we kind of put this mission into play, we grew it
- to, I guess when I left, somewhere -- somewhere around
- 4 percent, so roughly four times. Continued slightly higher
- after I left. 20
- Q. Let's look at one more exhibit, which is DTX 2012. 21
- Again, Mr. Yanez, in a different format. Now we're 22
- 23 looking at U.S. market share data from the Euromoney surveys
- 2008 through 2013. You can focus on the part ending in 2011, 24
- which is when you left the bank, is that right?

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- 1 A. They had the largest market share in the industry.
- 2 Q. When talking about taking market share from DB, what is
- that a reference to?
- 4 A. It's part again of what I was saying. DB had a larger
- market share than we had, and we wanted to take part of their
- market share.
- 7 Q. How did you intend to go about doing that, Mr. Yanez?
- 8 A. By being competitive all the time on anything our clients
- were looking for.
- 10 Q. Mr. Yanez, we've looked at a few documents here about
- Credit Suisse's plan to win FX market share from its
- competitors. Could you speak to whether that effort was 12
- successful while you were at Credit Suisse. 13
- 14 A. Sure. So between 2008 and 2011 when I retired, we roughly
- grew our market share by just short of four times, or 15
- 16 400 percent, so we were quite successful.
- 17 Q. And how were you as successful as you were, Mr. Yanez?
- **18** A. Well, we had a mission, and everyone knew the mission. So
- we were super, super tight on pricing. We had the ability to 19
- 20 take any risk that clients wanted to put off on us. We were
- just providing a good service at a very, very sharp price. 21
- 22 Q. You mentioned growing your market share and becoming a top
- five bank. What measure are you using to determine whether
- you're a top five bank?
- 25 A. The measure is the Euromoney poll, which is the industry

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- 1 A. That's right.
- 2 Q. So we see a few things, Mr. Yanez, but maybe you can just
- speak to the market share percentages themselves first and
- orient the jury to what we're looking at between 2008 and 2011.
- A. Sure. So what we're looking at is basically the same thing
- as we looked at in the last slide where it shows we had just
- under 1 percent in 2008. We kind of grew it consistently
- through till 2012/13. Market share is a measure of the 8
- overall amount of trading that you do relative to the overall
- 10 pie in the market, the total amount traded.
- 11 Q. And we had spoken a little bit earlier, Mr. Yanez, about
- Deutsche Bank in particular. Could you find Deutsche Bank on
- this chart from the time when you were at the bank.
- 14 A. Yes. You don't usually have to look very far. Deutsche
- Bank is always number one or two.
- Q. So if we look at 2008, we see here Deutsche Bank with
- 25 percent market share as compared to CS's 0.95 percent, is
- that right? 18
- 19 A. That's correct.
- **20** Q. What had happened by 2011 to Deutsche Bank's market share?
- 21 A. Well, they still were at the top of the charts, but they
- had given up a lot of market share to the industry.
- Q. When you say they had given it up to the industry, what do
- you mean, Mr. Yanez?
- 25 A. Well, if you look at everybody below Deutsche Bank, for the

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1 Q. What do you think about this comment made by Mr. Lawes as

2 you sit here and read it today, Mr. Yanez?

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- 3 A. It's pretty stupid. I mean, it's not -- he's in no way a
- 4 position -- he was a junior trader -- to agree with anything
- 5 with anybody. It's bluster. It's -- what you'd see in a
- 6 trading world is often folks talk a big game to make themselves
- 7 feel, like, relevant in the industry, but it's just a stupid
- 8 statement.
- 9 Q. Mr. Lawes, do you see he's referring to any particular
- 10 currency here, Mr. Yanez? Take your time with the document if
- 11 you need to.
- 12 A. Can you just make that a little bigger? Sorry.
- 13 Q. If that helps you, move this up a little bit.
- 14 A. Oh, yeah, they're talking about the New Zealand dollar.
- 15 Q. How do you know?
- 16 A. It says "kiwi." Kiwi's a short name for New Zealand
- 17 dollar
- 18 Q. All right. So you see where Mr. Parikh says: Jules,
- what's the spread today in 50 kiwi?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. And to you, you know that the kiwi refers to New Zealand
- 22 dollar, that right?
- 23 A. That's right.
- 24 Q. Was Mr. Lawes in a position to affect spreads in the New
- Zealand dollar in January 2008?

1 relevant to the client is where your bid is, where you're

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- 2 willing to buy, or whore your offer is, where you're willing to
- willing to buy, or where your offer is, where you're willing to
 - sell. That's the only thing relevant.

 The price is when you make your 50-55, whatever the
- 5 price is, the spread is five points. But, again, the spread
- 6 itself is rendered irrelevant if -- if you show a 50-55 market
- 7 and a competitor shows 51-60, which is a much wider spread, if
- 8 he's looking for the bid, he's going to trade with the
- 9 competitor, period. He doesn't care what your spread was. He
 - cares what the best deal was.
- 11 Q. Why would a customer ever ask you for a two-way price if
- the customer knows which side she wants to be on?
- 13 A. To keep you honest. Honestly, it's an indication of -- he
- doesn't want to give all the information necessarily to the
- 15 bank. So he wants to make sure that you quote something. He
- 16 knows inherently you're going to quote a market that's one way
- or the other based on the risk in your book and things like
- that, but to keep you honest, they ask for a two-way price.
- **19** Q. I understand that.
- How did what spreads you quoted or what prices you
- 21 made, two-way prices you made and your traders made, relate to
- 22 what you were speaking about before in terms of market share,
- 23 Mr. Yanez?
- 24 A. Well, again, it comes back to if you're going to take
- market share, one of the -- I'll call it the easiest way is

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- 1 A. Not at all.
- 2 Q. Why not?
- 3 A. Well, he was, again, a junior trader trading what would be
- 4 considered a secondary currency, which is currency you don't
- 5 focus on. So he had a tiny, tiny market share. He certainly
- 6 would not be in a position to drive spreads in the industry for
- 7 sure.
- 8 Q. Well, he could have quoted somebody wide, couldn't he,
- 9 Mr. Yanez?
- 10 A. He can quote whatever he wants. He just wouldn't be in the
- 11 business.
- 12 Q. What do you mean by that?
- 13 A. If you're not -- again, a client trades on one side of a
- market. They're either looking for a bid or an offer, which
- 15 makes a spread. The spread itself is not relevant. The price
- is what matters. So if your price is not competitive, you're
- 17 not going to win the trade with the client. Client will trade
- 18 somewhere else.
- 19 Q. I'm a little confused, Mr. Yanez. Could you just clear
- 20 this up. You said the spread and the price are not the same
- 21 thing. Could you just try to explain to us why they're not the
- 22 same thing.
- 23 A. Sure. Spread is a representation of liquidity in the
- 24 market. So as a trader, you might make a spread that is, for
- argument's sake, five points wide, or whatever, but what's

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- 1 just to have the best price on the market. So traders are
- 2 mandated to at all times try to offer the best price on the
- 3 market.
- 4 Q. Now, we just looked at a chat involving Mr. Lawes in a
- 5 Bloomberg chatrooms. Did you have a view, Mr. Yanez, while you
- 6 were running the FX spot business at Credit Suisse, about
- traders talking to traders at other banks?
- 8 A. Sure. I mean, I didn't love it. It wasn't where we came
- 9 from. I came from the interest rate side. But I recognized
- 10 that it was a valuable tool to gain kind of market color, find
- 11 out what's going on, to build relationships. Because banks
- 12 need each other to exit liquidity, to get exit position risk,
- 13 so you have to have relationships. So it was valuable from
- 14 that perspective.
- 15 Q. Do you have a view, Mr. Yanez, about traders discussing
- spreads, in particular, in chatrooms?
- 17 A. If the discussion is a generic conversation meaning, you
- 18 know, kind of what do you think the market's quoting on X
- amount, then I'm OK with that. If it's anything more than
- 20 that, then you're kind of bumping against the line.
- Q. All right. Let's look at a chat that the plaintiffs have on their exhibit list. It's been preadmitted as Plaintiffs'
- 23 963-A.
- Can we look at that one, please. We can look at the line at 16:15:51 and down to 21:06.

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MAEHFor1 Yanez - Direct Page 480 MAEHFor1 Yanez - Direct 1 A. OK. 2 Q. We see here we've got a trader from Credit Suisse, your experience, Mr. Yanez? 3 Mr. Piscatelli. Do you see that? 4 A. Yes, I do.

5 Q. Do you know Mr. Piscatelli? 6 A. I'm sorry?

7 Q. You know Mr. Piscatelli? 8 A. I do.

9 Q. And another trader from Barclays named Ashley Honey. Do

11 A. I do.

12 Q. Ashley Honey at Barclays says in this chat: What spread

would you show in 100 million euro/CHF.

That's euro/Swiss, is that right?

15 A. That's right.

you see that?

16 Q. And Mr. Piscatelli responds: Is that right?

18 Q. It's 8 in the morning; 10 in the afternoon.

Do you see that? 19

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. And Ashley Honey says: Thanks.

22 Do you see that?

23 A. I do.

24 Q. What's your reaction, as you sit here today, to a chat like

this, Mr. Yanez?

1 Q. Why would traders, though, gather information like this, in

3 A. Well, I think there's a limited amount of transparency. So

the trader's always guessing what the real liquidity is like

out there. So they're using this to kind of gauge maybe he's

pricing this -- this gentleman from Morgan Stanley might have

been pricing something. It could be a whole host of thing, but

he needs to try to gather kind of liquidity information.

Q. He needs to gather it to form his own view, is that what

you mean?

11 A. Yes.

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Q. We looked at the Euromoney chart earlier listing all those

banks. I think it was DTX 2012.

We could put it up for just a minute. 14

This is for each of these years, 30 banks listed, is

that right, Mr. Yanez?

A. That's right.

Q. Do these banks offer FX trading to clients?

A. They do.

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20 Q. Were you competing with all these banks, Mr. Yanez?

A. In some form, yes.

Q. What do you mean "in some form"?

A. There might be some smaller banks down at the bottom that

don't all full-service, so they may not be -- we may not be

competing with them in euro/Swiss, let's say.

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1 A. This is pure -- a competitor in the industry comes to us

for Swiss-based things, euro/Swiss, dollar/Swiss. This was

just a conversation regarding liquidity. It's just really

talking about what will the market be in the morning, in the

afternoon.

6 Q. And are you uncomfortable with traders exchanging

information like this in chatrooms, Mr. Yanez?

8 A. No, it's very generic. There's nothing specific to a

client or any kind of flow.

10 Q. Let's look at one more. Let's look at Plaintiffs' 1624-A,

and we could look at the line at 15:05:11. 11

So this is two traders. We've got John Callaghan at 12

Morgan Stanley and John Munley at Credit Suisse. Do you see 13

that? 14

15 A. I do.

16 Q. Mr. Callaghan says: How wide in 100 million New Zealand

dollar? Do you see that?

18 A. I do.

19 Q. And Mr. Munley replies, 15. Do you see that?

20 A. I do.

21 Q. Do you understand what this chat relates to?

22 A. It's the same thing. It's one bank asking what do you

know -- what do you think the market is now on 100 New Zealand

dollar, and he's just showing a generic -- a thought of what a

generic spread would be.

1 Q. So that's interesting, Mr. Yanez. Are you suggesting that

different banks are more competitive or less competitive in

different currencies; is that what you're saying?

4 A. Absolutely.

5 Q. Why is that?

6 A. Well, there are banks that have natural bias based on where

they're from. That's part of it. Deutsche Bank is, obviously,

a huge player in euros. They're a European bank. And some

banks just didn't have the personnel to compete in every single

currency, so they would pick their currencies that they would

compete in, whereas we would try to compete in everything. And

certainly the largest top ten competed in most things. 12

Q. Just cleaning up a little jargon, Mr. Yanez. 13

You mentioned earlier that traders in chatrooms needed 14 15 each other to exit liquidity positions. Could we just draw you

out a little bit on what that means, please. A. Sure. So there's only a couple of different ways, if

you're a market making trader, that you can exit risk that's

given to you by a client. You can have the other side

20 naturally in your book, which means it's just negating your

risk, or you can go into the broker market to exit the

position, or you can go direct to another bank. That's kind of

the three ways you get out of things.

And the relationships that got built on these chatrooms was really to make sure that there's a certain number

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- **1** A. Many publications, mainly on the foreign exchange market.
- 2 Q. Have you published any textbooks?

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- 3 A. I have. My first textbook was in international finance.
- 4 And that textbook is still going today. I also wrote
- 5 principles of economics, macroeconomics textbook, and
- 6 international economics textbook. Those textbooks I let go out
- 7 of print when I left academia.
- 8 Q. Are you also an editor of any journals?
- 9 A. I was. For over 20 years I was co-editor of the Journal of
- 10 International Money and Finance which is the leading scholarly
- 11 journal in international finance, and I specialized in the
- 12 foreign exchange market research publications that we reviewed.
- 13 Q. Have you ever served as a visiting scholar?
- 14 A. Yes. I was a visiting scholar at the Federal Reserve
- 15 Board, the International Monetary Fund, and the Bank for
- 16 International Settlements.
- 17 Q. Do you belong to any professional organizations?
- 18 A. American Finance Association, American Economic
- 19 Association.
- 20 Q. Outside of academia, what professional experience, if any,
- 21 do you have?
- 22 A. In 2005 I left academia to join Barclays Global Investors
- ${\bf 23}$ which was acquired by BlackRock in 2009. So from 2005 to 2016
- I was in the industry as a practitioner.
- 25 Q. Can you describe for the jury your roles and

1 Q. Have you ever served as an expert witness before?

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2 A. I have.

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- 3 Q. How many times?
- **4** A. Once. I've been in court once before as an expert witness.
- 5 Q. Are you being compensated for your work on this case?
- 6 A. I am.
- 7 Q. What is your rate?
- 8 A. It's \$1,000 an hour.
- 9 Q. Is that your standard rate?
- 10 A. Since last year.
- 11 Q. To what extent does your compensation depend upon your
- opinions in this case?
- 13 A. Not at all.
- **14** Q. Have you prepared anything that would help you summarize
- for the jury the opinions you'll be giving today?
- 16 A. Yes. I prepared some exhibits that I think will be
- 17 helpful.
- **18** Q. So why don't we bring up DTX 2023. Can you see that all
- 19 right?
- 20 A. I can, yes.
- 21 Q. Perfect. Okay. Can you just give the jury an overview of
- 22 these areas that you'll be opining on today.

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- 23 A. This is basically an outline of what I am going to talk
- 24 about.
- So I am going to talk about an overview of FX trading,

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- 1 responsibilities at BGI and BlackRock?
- 2 A. Yes. I was hired in a pretty senior level, managing
- 3 director. I was head of currency research and head of currency
- 4 investment funds. And I had that role at BGI the whole time,
- 5 and when BlackRock acquired us, I had that role at BlackRock
- 6 for a few years.
- 7 Q. At BGI or BlackRock, did you manage currency investment
- 8 funds for institutional investors?
- 9 A. Those were our clients. Our clients were so-called
- 10 institutional. What that means, an institutional investor, it
- 11 is not like individuals, households. It's like pension funds,
- 12 foundations, central banks, big institutions that ask us to
- manage money for them.
- 14 Q. In your role at BlackRock, did you have occasion to
- interact with FX traders?
- 16 A. Yeah, very closely. So my team would build the portfolios
- 17 and determine what we would buy and sell. And then we would
- 18 pass our trade orders to a trading desk where the foreign
- 19 exchange traders would, it's their job was to trade our orders.
- 20 So naturally I was very interested in the quality of the
- 21 execution of our trades. So I spent a lot of time sitting on
- 22 the foreign exchange desk with the traders. If I wasn't there
- 23 physically, I was talking to the trading desk. Because we
- 24 wanted to get the best possible prices for our clients' trades.
- Our trades, our clients' money.

- 1 but not as much as I was, because I think you've already seen a
- lot of that and I don't want to be repetitive or redundant.
 Then I am going to talk about the assertion that
- 4 spreads are durable, meaning they don't change for long periods
 - of time.

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- And then I am going to talk about the how information sharing, for instance, in the chats, serves a legitimate
- 8 business purpose.

9 And then I am going to talk about the spread chats. I

am going to review them and hopefully explain clearly how theyare consistent with discussions of market color.

12 And then lastly, I will talk about how sharing spreads

in chats would not have had a wide-ranging impact on the

- 14 foreign exchange market.
- 15 Q. What types of materials did you review in forming the
- opinions you are going to be presenting today?
- 17 A. Obviously the chats, I've looked at lots of chats, data on
- prices in the market, trades, so lots of data.
- 19 Q. Professor Melvin, I understand you were prepared to talk
- about some of the basics of the FX market, but I think in light
- of the testimony already presented, I am going to try to streamline things a bit.
- So did you review the testimony and the slides of plaintiffs' industry expert Mr. Eric Robin?
- 25 A. I did, yes.

Case 1:13-cv-07789-LGS IN RE: FOREIGN EXCHANGE BENCHMARK RATES ANTITRUST MAH3FOR1 MAH3FOR1 Melvin - Direct Page 573 Melvin - Direct Page 575 getting clients to trade with them, they are not going to make feedback? A. I am. Yes, I am. Because, we would hear about -- from 2 any money, so they want to get more client business, not less. So, someone to trades a lot like -- BlackRock's not 3 banks as well as we had some sense of other firms that were 4 the only firm that does a lot of foreign exchange trading. also, like the monthly post trade analytics that we would do, 5 There are certainly other large asset managers and there are 5 to hold our banks to account, we weren't the only ones. And 6 also certain specialty investment funds that all they do trade then third parties came along who, if you didn't have the currency and they trade a lot. So, there are others besides 7 resources to have your own trading research group, there are 8 BlackRock that trade lot of currency and are very important 8 third parties that that's what they do. They do post trade clients to banks. analytics. So if you are a smaller fund and you don't have the 10 Q. Is it fair to say they, too, would have leverage in price resources to do this kind of stuff, you can hire someone who 10 11 negotiations? reviews your trades and does it for you. So, it's kind of 11 12 A. Leverage in? 12 commoditized now that anybody can have this post trade 13 Q. In price negotiations? analytics done. It's not just -- now this has been going on 13 A. Leverage in price negotiations. Well, certainly the more 14 for many years. 15 business you can bring to a bank, the better they would like to 15 Q. Let's bring up Robin direct slide 27, please. So, treat you probably. Mr. Robin testified that a spread is a price. Do you agree 16 with that statement? 17 But, you know, they want to have a range of customers. 17 There aren't just big asset managers, there are medium asset A. No. The spread is the difference between two prices. 18 There is an offer or ask price, and there is a bid price, and 19 managers, small asset managers, there are non-asset managers 19 20 the spread is the difference between those two prices. like corporations, there are official institutions like central 20 So the spread isn't a price. It is the difference 21 banks, and there are regional banks, small banks that are not 21 market makers. All of these people, like on this slide, between two prices. 22 23 they're all customers of the bank, and some are big and some 23 O. Mr. Robin pointed out a few Bloomberg chats where FX traders referred to spreads as prices. Does that change your are small. 24 25 But, the more of this business that you are view in any way? 25 Melvin - Direct MAH3FOR1 Page 574 MAH3FOR1 Melvin - Direct Page 576 1 A. No. That's just loose talk, like someone will say here's accumulating from all of these people, the more you are going

- to trade. And the more you are going to trade, the bigger the
- revenue should be from your foreign exchange business.
- **4** Q. When you were at BlackRock, what types of feedback, if any,
- did you provide to your FX dealers?
- 6 A. Well, there could be real time feedback, if they show you a
- quote and you think it's a bad quote and you tell them so. And
- then there would be systematic feedback at more regular 8
- 9 intervals. We once a month would review all our trades of the
- prior month, and we would look bank by bank, currency pair by 10
- 11 currency pair, to see what kind of execution quality we were
- 12 getting. And if the data systematically suggested we weren't
- getting good pricing from a bank, then we would put them in the 13
- 14 doghouse we would say. We stopped trading with them, and we'll
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- trade with those who are making better prices.
- And then once a year, there was a global review by the 16 17 head of overall head of global head of trading, who would meet
- with the heads of the foreign exchange business at each of 18
- 19 these banks and would do a review of the business, piece by
- 20 piece, all the things we expected. It is not just prices. It
- is primarily prices. But there are other things, like speed of 21
- 22 execution, provision of market color to us, and other factors
- that would go into our evaluation of banks. So they would get
- that feedback once a year.
- 25 Q. Are you aware of whether other customers gave similar

- my view of the spread, and someone will say nice price.
- MR. BURKE: Objection. 702, your Honor. 3
- THE COURT: Overruled.
- Q. Were you done with your answer, Professor Melvin?
- 6 THE COURT: I had overruled the objection.
- 7 And you were saying, no, that's just loose talk, like
- someone will say here's my view of the spread and someone will
- say nice price.
- A. Okay. Yeah, so someone would say nice price. It's just 10
- shorthand for good spread.
- Q. In your experience as an FX customer, do customers make
- trading decisions on spread or on price?
- A. Price. When you contact a bank and request say a two-way
- price, you know what you want to do. If you know you want to
- buy euros, they are going to show you an offer price at which
- 17 you can buy the euro, and they are going to show a bid price at
- 18 which you can sell euros to them.
- 19 If you are a buyer, price is what you care about.
- 20 That's what really matters. You are focused on price. 21 Q. Have you prepared anything to demonstrate this point to the
- jury? 22
- 23 A. Yes, I have.
- Q. Let's bring up DTX 2022, please. Professor Melvin, can you walk us through this slide.

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- events in the world happened, market conditions change, spreads 2 change.
- So, I love this graph because I think it just tells a 3 nice history of the past couple of decades.
- Q. Let's move on to the next opinion you have regarding
- information sharing. Information sharing serves a legitimate
- 7 business purpose.
- 8 Can you briefly describe your opinion on this topic for the jury.
- A. Yes. Did you want me to discuss it right now? 10
- Q. Well, yeah. Can you just sort of give us an overview if
- you will of your opinion on this.
- A. Think of that slide where I had the determinants of spreads
- 14 on the top, we had these things that were kind of universal for
- 15 all traders, and on the bottom we had the trader specific
- 16 things. And I said traders must be well informed about the
- 17 market all day long, because they never know when they are
- going to get called by someone requesting a quote. So they 18 have to stay on top of the market. 19
- 20 So, how do you learn about this. Well you look at 21
- these computer screens, so-called Bloomberg screen is a very 22 popular one because it's got news streaming across it all day
- long. You can learn about market conditions and you also talk
- 24 to people in chats. These chats are like a foreign exchange
- 25 traders social network. There is a lot of nonsense and talking

- 1 A. The chats that I've seen, indeed, I do.
- Q. Mr. Robin testified that he does not consider sharing
- bid-ask spreads shown to customers to be market color. Do you
- agree with that statement?
- A. Bid-ask spreads that have been shown, meaning past tense,
- have been shown to customers, yeah, that's market color.
- Q. What do spread discussions tell a market participant about
- the market?

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- A. Yeah, in these chats you will see somebody say something
- like what's the spread in 100 dollar/peso right now or at the
- moment or these days. You see different terms. But all means 11
- 12 like right now, what's the spread on 100 dollar/peso. 100
- million U.S. dollars against pesos. When you get that answer, 13
- that gives you an efficient view of liquidity and volatility.

MR. BURKE: Objection. 702, your Honor. THE COURT: I'll allow it.

- Q. Were you done with your answer, Professor Melvin? 17
- A. Yeah. I'm saying, people says what is the current spread,
- and they give you answers. This is how you learn because the
- 20 spread will reflect that trader's perception on liquidity and 21 volatility.
- 22 If you ask what's the volatility, what are they going 23 to say. It's real volatile today, not so volatile. When you
- hear what they see as a relevant spread right now, then you get 24

good information on these factors.

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- about football games and other things, but there is also
- information sharing about current market conditions.
- 3 So you learn from the chats, you learn from looking at
- 4 the screens in front of you, you talk to people. All of these sources of information serve a legitimate business purpose,
- because the more you know about the market, the better prices
- 7 you can make. The less you know, and the more uncertainty, the
- wider the spreads. The more you know and the more certainty
- you have about market conditions, the tighter the spread.
- 10 Q. You've mentioned market color a few times so far. Can you
- define that term for us? 11
- 12 A. I don't know that I've ever seen a definition of market
- color. To me it means state of the market. Current market 13
- conditions, market color, is you're asking, you're learning 14
- about current market conditions. 15
- Q. Is market color a commonly used phrase in the industry?
- A. Oh, very much so.
- **18** Q. Is it a new term?
- A. New term -- look, I went in the industry in 2005 and people
- were talking about market color when I got to BGI in 2005. So,
- it's been around at least since 2005. I don't know when the 21
- 22 term started, but it was certainly there when I started in the
- 23 business.

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- 24 Q. Would you consider discussion about spreads among traders
- to be market color as you define it?

- 1 Q. How do traders go about collecting market color?
- A. As I said, they can look on computer screens to see what's
- going on in the market. They can talk to other traders in the
- trader chats. They can talk to their customers. They have
- 5 bank customer chats and talking to the customers on the phone.
- So, there are many sources of market color. Well, "many," I
- just mentioned three. So chats with other dealers, discussions
- 8 with customers, looking at the financial news on the TV or the
- 9 screens on their computer.
- Q. Dr. Singer testified that it would make no sense for 10
- competitors to discuss spreads in the absence of an agreement
- 12 to fix prices, because competitors could take that information
- to undercut one another. Do you agree with that statement?
- A. No. I think hearing spreads with people that you believe
- will exchange information. That's why you're in the chat with
- 16 them. You are in a chat to exchange information, and you give
- 17 each other views on the current state of the market regularly.
- Discussions of spreads were not so frequent, but they would 18
- 19 occur at times, particularly for large trade sizes. Generally,
- 20 when they ask what's the spread, it's for a big trade size.
- They don't need to know what's the spread for 5 million or 2 21 million. But for big trades, they want to be informed, so if 22
- 23 they get a call for such a large trade, they have that kind of
- information.
- 25 Q. Mr. Robin testified that banks customer spreads are

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- chaps, what's the spread in 300 euro. That's 300 million euros
- at the moment. That's a big trade. Overwhelmingly the spread
- discussions regard big trade sizes, which means lots of risk at
- 4 the bank. Spread in 300. And the asker says 8-10 question
- mark, and one says well we are 10. And then says no tighter.
- 6 And so another person says we wider. And says 10/12. And yup.
- 12. 7
- 8 So, they are exchanging their views of what they think
- 9 is the appropriate spread on 300 million euros against U.S.
- 10 dollars. And again, in my experience, my reading of this, this
- is perfectly acceptable exchange of market color. Market 11
- 12 information.
- 13 O. So, based on your review of chat discussions in this case,
- did you have a view as to the frequency with which traders were
- 15 discussing spreads with traders at other banks?
- A. Not until we looked at the data. The data inform us of
- 17 pretty much everything, so after looking at the data I had a
- 18 view.
- 19 Q. What is that view?
- 20 A. Very infrequent. As I said, there are overwhelmingly for
- 21 really big trade sizes which you don't do very often. But
- again, being part of your market knowledge is being prepared to 22
- quote a big trade size, so you need to have an idea of what
- 24 would be an appropriate spread. And you see when you look at 25 the data, the discussions of spreads in the chats that were

- Because I told you about my paper where I studied this crisis
- period, and what you saw in the crisis period is one of the
- factors, one of the things that changed, very interestingly, 3
- 4 people stopped trading big size. They started trading small
- 5 size. And if they had to trade 50 million euros, they would
- 6 trade it electronically in small clips of like five, five,
- 7 five, instead of trying to trade all 50 together. Because it
- 8 would have been so expensive to try and trade 50.

So what's the spread in 100 and 50. And you hear so 10 yesterday afternoon, no hesitation they dealt. And somebody else says yeah, thinking it wider. Okay. We're outside of

12 that I think. We're 10 in 50 at the moment. Probably a bit 13 too wide. Get out. 7 in 50 question mark. Are you showing 5.

14 We're 8-10 in 100.

> So they are going back and forth trying to understand this crazy market and get a sense of current market conditions.

17 So, again, in my experience, in my reading of this, this is perfectly acceptable exchange of market color. Plus, 18 19 there is nothing in these chats that we've reviewed so far 20 about widening spreads. They are talking about what's the 21 current spread. The spread yesterday may have been wider and

- this is tighter. There is nothing in any of the spreads we've
- 23 seen about widening spreads. It is just what is the spread
- 24 right now.
- 25 Q. Okay. So, we've walked through just a few examples of

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- studied were very infrequent.
- Q. Let's show the next Exhibit PTX 0938A-0001. And this is a
- September 18, 2008, chat among Brian Walker at Credit Suisse,
- John Munley at RBS, and Jason Crank at RBS.
- And Professor Melvin, if you can review -- try not to 5
- read it before I actually call off the lines. 11:17:29 through
- 11:54:48 and I assume you're done.
- A. I am.
- **9** Q. Is this one of the chats that you reviewed in connection
- with the opinions you're providing today? 10
- 11 A. It is, yes.
- 12 Q. Can you describe for the jury what's happening here?
- A. This a great one right here. Look at the date.
- September 18, 2008. Lehman Brothers went bankrupt 14
- 15 September 15, 2008. And the world just went downhill from that
- day forward for quite a while. This is three days after the 16
- 17 Lehman Brothers bankruptcy. It was incredibly crazy.
- So, volatility at all-time high, illiquidity, nobody 18 wants to trade with anybody because you don't know who was 19
- 20 going to go bankrupt next. So, people were scared.
- And what do you see at the top. Buckle up dude. In 21
- 22 other words, this is crazy. Get ready because this is crazy.
- 23 And it was. So, then what's the spread in 100 million euros, in 50 million euros today. Wow. In those market conditions,
- to try and trade 100 million euros, good luck with that.

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 - chats that you have reviewed in connection with your opinions.

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- Did you review other chats as well?
- A. Yes, I did.
- Q. How would you describe overall that set of chats that you
- reviewed?
- A. That chats I reviewed, just like this last one and the
- other ones, to me, again, my reading of this, my opinion, is
- these are exchanges of market color, perfectly acceptable
- 9 exchanges of information on current market conditions.
- Q. Let's move to the final area of your opinions, which is
- sharing of spreads would not have a wide-ranging impact on the
- 12 FX market. Can you just briefly explain what you're referring
- to here. 13
- 14 A. Yeah, if you have four traders in a chat saying what's the current spread at the moment, that's four traders in this chat
- who know what is being discussed. If you are not in that chat,
- you are not participating. You don't hear this. You don't 17
- have access to that information. 18 19 So what's discussed in one chat is contained in that

20 chat. What's discussed in one chat is like what's the right 21 spread on a particular currency pair for a particular amount.

- So, it is the discussion right now, what's the right spread on 22 23 100 million euro/dollars on September 18, 2008. In that
- chatroom they are talking about 100 million euros, what's the
 - right spread. And if you are not in that chat with those, I

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MAH3FOR1 MAH3FOR1 Melvin - Direct Page 617 Melvin - Direct Page 619 business, because the more aggressive quoters reflecting on spreads, we are going to have to talk continuously because 2 current market conditions will take their customers away from the spread at 8 a.m. London is a different than the spread at 3 5 p.m. London, for instance. If we are going to be agreeing to 4 So, that's like I said, the rest of them, that would fix spreads, we can't just say, okay, we are going to fix the be a wonderful situation if somebody would actually do that. 5 spread here, and there it goes, we are not changing. That couldn't possibly work. Q. How about if we change, let's say all 16 of the highlighted 6 banks agreed to coordinate on spreads. 7 So you would have to have continuous discussions to A. I can tell you people like State Street and TD and Westpac 8 keep updating, okay, what's the right spread now, what are we and BNY Mellon will be all over their customers. And you know, going to agree to now. And this kind of continuous discussion, I think again, based on my experience, just seems completely 10 because if they're not part of this agreement, they are going 10 to be quoting more aggressively, and you will see those market infeasible and impractical. 11 11 12 shares of these -- we were told like 90 percent market shares, 12 (Continued on next page) 13 those will start shrinking and you see that happening in the 13 14 Euromoney survey. If 16 are fixing spreads out of line with 14 15 reality, these other will win the business, take them away from 15 16 them. 16 17 Q. Were you here for the video testimony of Natalie Williams? 17 A. I was. Very entertaining. 18 Q. Do you recall Ms. Williams was asked if she and other 19 20 participants in the chat had the power to affect spreads in the 20 currency pairs she traded? 21 21 A. Yeah, I think she said that in the chat. 22 O. Do you remember her response? 23 A. She said, look, it was a joke, British humor, about four 24 small banks could not possibly have the power to do that. It's 25 Melvin - Direct MAH3FOR1 Page 618 MAHHFor2 Melvin - Direct Page 620 just another example of her colorful term for gossip and 1 Q. And have you prepared any materials to sort of make this foolishness and discussions. point to the jury? 3 Q. Do you agree with Ms. Williams that those four or five 3 A. Well, I looked at the frequency of discussions of spreads banks didn't have the power? in the chats, which I said was quite infrequent. 5 A. No four banks have the power in my mind. Q. Well, let's bring up DTX 2025 and talk about this first. 6 Q. Why is that? Can you explain this graphic for us. 7 A. Because you can't do that if you want -- how do you make 7 A. Yeah. So here's a day that says again at the top implied money? You make money trading. How did you get people to spread for 5 million euros against yen July 31, 2012, and we 9 trade with you? You make good prices and they trade with you. see two dots here. You see a spread at noon, which is right You don't make good prices, they go somewhere else. around maybe a little under 3 pips if you look over to the 10 10 Four banks think they are going to fix spreads out of left, and then we see a spread, it jumps ups at 2 p.m. to 11 11 line with market conditions, out of line with market 5 pips. And this is a good indication of what can happen on a 12 12 conditions, that is not, in my experience and based on my given day and how silly it would be to think, oh, we're just --13 let's fix the spread at three or fix the spread at four or fix 14 studies of this market for many, many years, that's just not 15 sustainable. Unless they want to lose market share, trade less 15 the spread at five. You just couldn't do that and have any with their customers and lose revenue in the foreign exchange sustainable business. 16 16 division of that bank. Q. Let's move to DTX 2020, please. 17 17 Q. Professor Melvin, if a group of four or five traders wanted 18 Can you explain your understanding of this slide. to use the spread information shared in the chatrooms to come A. Yeah. So this is how I got a sense of the frequency of 19 20 to some kind of an agreement on spreads, could they do that? just the chats in general. This is across all banks, all MR. BURKE: Objection, your Honor. currency pairs. So looking across -- you know, all the 21 21 22 THE COURT: Overruled. observations of Mr. Singer used, we see less that two chats per 22 A. Could three or four banks come to an agreement on spreads? 23 trading day. So certainly not close to continuous discussions I don't see how they possibly could because the spreads are that you would have to have if you actually thought you could

changing all the time. If you are going to have an agreement

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do something like set the spreads at some fixed level.

Case 1:13-cv-07789-LGS IN RE: FOREIGN EXCHANGE BENCHMARK RATES ANTITRUST October 17, 2022 MAHHFor2 Melvin - Direct Page 621 MAHHFor2 Melvin - Cross Page 623 1 Q. What if we doubled this number? What if there were four they're going to be sharing in one chat one currency pair, one multibank chats per trading day? Would that affect your amount in one chat, and if you had a spread on one currency opinion? pair for one size, that would not affect the spreads on other 3 4 A. No. As I said, I think you'd have to have continuous 4 currency pairs in different sizes or even the same size. So that is a brief review of my views. discussions of this to be able to do something like that, and 5 MR. WASHER: Thank you, Professor Melvin. even then you don't know what everybody's quoting. So you may, 6 7 I have no further questions. say, hey, let's all quote seven, and then these other people THE COURT: Let's take our morning break. We'll you're on the chat with, you don't know what they're quoting. 8 There's no way you can observe it. You can't monitor what 9 reconvene in ten minutes. they're doing. (Jury excused) 10 10 11 Q. Thank you, Professor Melvin. THE COURT: OK. We'll adjourn for ten minutes. 11 12 Why don't we bring back DTX 2023. Professor Melvin, 12 (Recess) if you could summarize your opinions for the jury. (Jury present) 13 13 THE COURT: You may be seated. 14 A. OK. So we started with the overview of FX trading, but we 14 15 really didn't talk too much about that. But, clearly, the big 15 MR. BURKE: Your Honor, may I address the witness? point there is people care about prices. They want to buy or 16 THE COURT: We're still missing one juror. 16 sell at the price that they want -- if they're a buyer, they Excuse me just a moment. I'm going to excuse the 17 17 care about the offer price; if they're a seller, they care missing juror. Just give me a minute. 18 18 about the bid price. That's what really matters. When you (Recess) 19 19 20 THE COURT: You may proceed. show them two prices, there is a spread implied, the difference 20 MR. BURKE: Thank you, your Honor. 21 between them, but what the client cares about, the customer, 21 the price on the side of the market where they want to trade. **CROSS-EXAMINATION** 22 BY MR. BURKE: 23 Number two, spreads are not durable. Again, this term "durable" is being used here to suggest spreads don't change, Q. Dr. Melvin, you were deposed in this action in July of 24 25 and that's just simply not true. If you point to these 2020. Do you recall that? MAHHFor2 Melvin - Direct Page 622 MAHHFor2 Melvin - Cross Page 624 1 A. Deposed in July 2020, yes. quarterly spread matrices, they don't change for three months, but that doesn't matter. That's not what you can trade on. Q. And does your deposition testimony remain truthful and accurate today? What matters is what you can actually trade with a bank. Show me the prices where we can trade. They don't come out of the 4 A. It does. quarterly spread matrix. Q. Like to establish a couple of things that I don't believe 5 6 And then number -- so spreads change all the time as you're giving an opinion on. 7 market conditions change. The only way you could believe that Dr. Melvin, you're not giving an opinion on whether spreads are "durable," don't change, all those factors around the conduct in multibank chatrooms was pro or anticompetitive, 8 9 that little circle of the determinants of those spreads, if 9 are you? those things didn't change, spreads wouldn't change. If 10 A. No, I'm not. 10 they're changing, spreads are changing. 11 O. And you're not giving an opinion as to whether there was a conspiracy or agreement to widen spreads, are you? 12 Then information sharing serves a legitimate business 13 A. I think I'm not supposed to. purpose. The more you know about the market, the better dealer 13 14 you can be, the better prices you can make to your customer. Q. And you're not giving an opinion as to any characteristics 15

So those chats, the information sharing in the chats are absolutely serving a legitimate business purpose because it 16

helps inform your view of market conditions. 17

Four, spread chats reviewed are consistent with market 18 color. I certainly believe that is the case because they're 19

20 discussing, hey, what's the right spread on 100 million pesos? And people give you responses. That gives you their view of 21

22 liquidity and volatility at that time in the market. So that's

23 a very efficient way to convey that kind of information.

And then sharing of spreads would not have a 24

wide-ranging impact on the foreign exchange market. Yeah,

- of the foreign exchange market that makes price fixing more or
- less likely to occur, correct?
- 17 A. I certainly have views on that.
- 18 Q. Are you giving that opinion, sir?
- **19** A. I would be happy to, but I don't know if I'm allowed to.
- 20 Q. Dr. Melvin, you've never served as an economist for the
- Department of Justice or Federal Trade Commission or any other
- governmental agency charged with enforcing the antitrust law,
- 23 correct?
- 24 A. Correct.
- 25 Q. You have no law-related education or professional training?

BENCHMARK RATES ANTITRUST MAHHFor2 Page 643 Melvin - Cross Page 641 MAHHFor2 Melvin - Cross 1 been redacted in 130 million Australian dollar to U.S. dollar? working for DB in this particular chat. 2 Why don't we show Dr. Melvin lines 135:22 to 136:6. 2 A. You tell me the redacted words are real firm -- business Are you there, sir? firm's name and not a type of customer, so you want me to make 3 that assumption and answer accordingly? A. Yes, I am. Q. Mr. Stalker at Credit Suisse writes: Stu, what spread you 5 Q. I do. show Fawlty in 50 quid? 6 A. OK. Yeah, then I agree, that's what it says. There's some real customer whose name we don't know, and he's asking what's

U.S. dollar. 10 Q. Mr. Leighton responds: Wide. And you understand "wide" to

the right spread to them in 130 million Aussie dollar against

mean spread, correct? 11 12 A. Yeah, a wide spread.

13 O. Mr. Ware of Credit Suisse tells the group that Credit

Suisse showed 20 pips to this specific customer, but perhaps

15 should be 25 pips, correct?

16 A. Yes, I see that.

17 Q. Now, despite being competitors, Mr. Leighton, Mr. Ware, and

Mr. Parikh, who work for Merrill, Credit Suisse, and Goldman

Sachs, respectively, discussed what to show a particular 19

20 customer in 130 million Aussie dollar, correct?

21 A. Yes, I see that.

22 Q. How does responding to Mr. Parikh's question of Goldman

Sachs help B of A or Credit Suisse compete with Goldman Sachs?

A. Well, earlier today I talked about certain customers that

have a reputation as being a predatory customer who take

Did I read that correctly?

A. Yes, you did. 8

Q. Do you understand Mr. Stalker is asking Mr. Dunn what is

the spread to quote a specific customer, namely Fawlty in

11 50 million pound/dollar?

12 A. Yes.

Q. Do you know who Fawlty is?

A. Mr. Dunn told us the other day, and I was sitting here when

he gave us his testimony. Probably would have been my guess

16 also, the Bank for International Settlements, because they're

17 in Basel, Switzerland. And there used to be a comedy show on

public television about "Fawlty Towers" where the guy's name 19 was Basel Fawlty. I think this is more British humor in terms

20 of names. Yeah, that would be, as Mr. Dunn said, Fawlty was

21 the BIS, he thought.

Q. And Mr. Dunn of Deutsche Bank responds: Six to seven.

Did I read that correctly?

A. Yes, he does.

25 Q. You understand that he's telling Mr. Stalker he shows 6 to

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advantage of banks by splitting orders. Is that what kind of

customer we're talking about here where they're going to widen

3 spreads?

4 Q. No, sir. It's a central bank. It's a central bank.

5 A. A central bank? OK. Then what's the right spread to the

central bank in 130? He says, Wide, and the other says, We

showed 20, but perhaps it should be 25. So, you know, there's a range there because the market conditions could be consistent

with a spread of 20 or consistent with a spread of 25.

10 Q. And my question, sir, is by responding to the question from

the trader at Goldman Sachs, how does that help Bank of America

or Credit Suisse compete with Goldman Sachs? 12

A. Well, if this is using somebody -- a real counterparty's

name, that's a discussion they shouldn't be having. If they 14

15 had used BlackRock, we would not have been happy. If they had

used "real money" or, in this case, if they had used "official 16

17 institution," that would be acceptable, but it would have been

unacceptable to me to use somebody's actual name in a chat. So 18

to me this is a discussion they shouldn't be having. 19

20 MR. BURKE: Let's put up 1752A, please.

21 Q. All right. The participants are Dan Stalker, who's at

Credit Suisse; Stuart Dunn of Deutsche Bank, and Jamie Lawes 22

23 who was at Credit Suisse. Dr. Melvin, I represent to you that

Mr. Dunn testified at trial earlier that Mr. Lawes and

Mr. Stalker were indeed working at Credit Suisse, and he was

7 pips in 50 million cable to Fawlty, correct?

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2 A. Yeah, that's his recommendation, it seems.

3 Q. And Mr. Stalker thanks him, correct?

4 A. Yes.

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5 Q. Is it the case that Mr. Stalker and Mr. Dunn are discussing

spreads to show a specific customer?

A. Yes.

MR. BURKE: Let's put up 1767A, please. 8

9 Q. All right. The participants in this chat are Michael

Krupkin of JPMorgan, John Altadonna of Credit Suisse, Ryan Neff

of Morgan Stanley, and Milko Campusano of Bank of America.

12 Do you know which chatroom this is looking at it?

A. The names of the participants. I don't know the name of

the chatroom, no.

15 MR. BURKE: Let's put up 17:39:28 to 18:12:04, please.

Q. At 17:39:28, Mr. Altadonna of Credit Suisse writes: How

wide is 100 auid? 18

Did I read that correctly? 19

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. You understand that to mean he's asking the traders in this

chatroom how wide in 100 million pound/dollar?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Because quid is shorthand for pound/dollar?

25 A. Yes.

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10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22	I'm happy to look at it and give you my opin Q. All right. Let's continue on to 7:15:57 through sir. Landes continues: No asking for spreads. Bac guys, what is spread on 300 Aussie/kiwi? That lo collusion. Did I read that correctly? A. Yes, you did. Q. Are you aware that Mr. Landes asserted his Fifth An privilege against self-incrimination in this courtrood questioned about this chat? A. I don't remember when if this particular of presented to him. He asserted that privilege on every he was asked by both plaintiff and defendant I Q. And you're aware that Mr. Landes asserted Amendment right against self-incrimination as to the exhibit we just looked at when questioned about the this courtroom, correct? A. Well, anything he was showed he claimed the Fifth An	nion. 7:16:16, d is. Hey boks like 1 nendment m when 1 chat was question awyers. his Fifth previous at chat in 2	5 and 7 8 coop 9 instit 0 enga 1 elimin 2 Q. D. 3 A. Y. 4 Q. U. 5 defer 1.6 inclu. 7 8 A. Y. 9 Q. Y. 10 A. N. 11 this	This is the plea agreemer BNP. Let's go to parage. "During the relevant perenter coconspirators, was utions acting as competing ged in a combination and nate competition by fixing project I read that correctly tes, you did. Inder (i) it reads: "In further dant and its coconspirators ding near daily conversation. Did I read that correct ou did. To use not aware of this post, I was not. I have no ide.	at between the United States graph 4. 4(h) reads: criod, the defendant and its which were also financial FX dealers, entered into and conspiracy to suppress and ices for CEEMEA currencies.", sir?
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an extremely good flow trader, but didn't interact with clients

as much as others.

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3 Q. What about Mr. Lawes. How long did you work with him?

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- 4 A. Jamie had two stints at Credit Suisse. Obviously I worked
- with him during both stints. During the first time he was very
- much the young guy on the desk. He was always viewed as joker
- 7 in the pack. Very friendly, very talkative. We would take him
- 8 out to see clients quite often. The kind of guy if there was a
- silence in the conversation, he would fill it. But viewed as a
- good trader. Clients did generally like to deal with him. 10
- 11 Q. Finally Ms. Williams, how long did you work with her?
- 12 A. I would say, again, maybe two or three years. I don't
- remember Natalie as well. The reason being she was very junior
- 14 at the time. She initially joined the sales team, and she was
- 15 quite shy, which is actually never a good thing for a 16 salesperson. So, she ended up moving on to the trading desk.
- 17 They wanted to diversify the team. And she always seemed to be
- quite junior. I wasn't sure if she had a book or not. But
- probably a couple years, she was in that position. 19
- 20 Q. Switching gears a bit. Did you work with a particular type
- of customer during the relevant time period, that's 2007 to
- 22 2013?
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 Q. What type of clients did you work with during that time
- period?

1 A. Can you repeat that?

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2 Q. How would you describe the customers that you worked with?

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- A. They were very sophisticated. A lot of these customers
- were ex-traders, ex-market makers or ex-salespeople. They had
- a lot of information in front of them. They had 20, maybe 15
- to 20 banks covering them.
- 7 So if I was covering them every day, calling them with
- 8 market info color, ideas, themes, they had 15 other sales guys
- just like me doing the same. They were smart and
- sophisticated. 10
- 11 Q. You mentioned adding clients over the relevant time period.
- Were you involved in that process of adding new clients?
- A. Yes, I was.
- 14 Q. Was there an onboarding process for new clients?
- 15 A. Yes, there is.
- **16** Q. Typically, how long does that onboarding process take?
- A. It really depends on customer. For a hedge fund customer,
- for example, who may have a prime broker, we would get that set
- 19 up in a couple of hours. Once the prime broker had sent that
- 20 designation notice over to us, it could be signed quickly and
- sent back. Asset managers who had a number of subfunds and
- different mandates, that could take from a few weeks to a few 22
- 23 months.
- 24 Q. As a salesperson at Credit Suisse, what were you selling to
- clients? 25

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- 1 A. Generally I worked with what we would call investors, so,
- hedge funds, asset manager, pension funds, and some proprietary
- trading desks of other banks.
- 4 Q. How many customers did you and your team cover over the
- relative time period?
- 6 A. It was well into the hundreds. Most salespeople might
- have, most salespeople would have between 15 and 20 clients.
- It was probably several hundred clients over that period.
- 9 Q. Did that change over the 2007-2013 time period? 10 A. Yes, it did actually. We increased the number of clients
- quite substantially during that period. I had a new manager 12 who wanted to really -- who came from UBS, and UBS was a bigger
- 13 bank, and he wanted to grow the business and compete with those
- 14 guys. So we grew a lot and as a result we had more clients.
- 15 Q. Can you give the jury some examples of specific clients
- your team covered during the relevant time period.
- 17 A. Yeah, sure. UBS Asset Management, Goldman Sachs Asset
- Management, Merrill Lynch Bank of America, JPMorgan prop, Moore 18
- 19 Capital. Is that enough?
- 20 Q. That's plenty, thanks.
- You mentioned a UBS affiliate and Goldman Sachs 21
- 22 affiliate. Did your customers include affiliates of other
- banks?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. How would you describe the customers you worked with?

1 A. We were selling the capabilities of the bank, so our

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- economics team, our research, our strategy, we were selling our
- own idea generation, we were selling our ability to transact.
- That was -- that would be the main things.
- Q. Did clients ever ask you for a spread you were showing in a
- particular currency pair at a particular notional amount?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Do you have an understanding as to why they would ask for
- that information?
- 10 A. Yes, I do.
- O. Why in your experience, why would they be asking for that
- information?
- A. They would want to get an idea of the cost of transaction,
- how liquid a market was at that time. If they were thinking
- 15 about putting a trade on, one of the things you have to think
- about is the cost of putting that trade on and potentially 16
- 17 exiting it. It would be to determine that, and also sometimes
- as an indicator to see who was good in a particular currency
- pair. Which banks were good in currency pairs.
- Q. What do you mean by the cost of putting a trade on?
- A. I mean that if you wanted to buy or sell a currency, it
- would take you some time to do it. You will start to buy and 23 the market will move higher, so every point it moves away from
- 24
- you, you were paying a little bit extra to put that position
- 25 on.

BENCHMARK RATES ANTITRUST Howarth - Direct MAH3FOR3 MAH3FOR3 Page 677 Howarth - Direct Page 679 1 Q. Did you have any persistent chats with customers? 2 A. Yes, many. would say, 90 percent of the time we did improve, we did 3 Q. Are you able to approximate how many you had over the tighten up to try to win that client deal. 3 relevant time period? 5 A. Several hundred, 3, 400. before passing it along to a customer? 6 Q. Were any other individuals included in your persistent A. Yes. chats with customers? O. For what reason? 8 A. Yes. Obviously there was the customers, there was myself

as the salesperson, I used to also bring in the rest of the sales team, in case I was on the toilet or getting lunch or at 10

a meeting, it was important if I wasn't there, one of my 11

12 colleagues could pick up the request. Some clients wanted to

have traders in the chat as well. And they wanted market 13 color, feel what was going on, and some clients also wanted to 14

15 have strategists in there. So, some of these persistent chats

can be pretty big. Dozens of people. 16 17 Q. When a request came from a customer for a price, would you

know one way or the other whether or not that customer was also

seeking a quote from other market makers? 19

20 A. You'd have an idea. The way the Bloomberg chat function

21 works, it's quite interesting. You type the price request into

a dialogue box. And then you can click which banks you want to 22 send that price to. Hit send and it goes instantly to those

24 five, 10, 15 banks, however many you've selected. And a lot of

25 requests came through very generic, no name, just straight So it didn't happen too often. And when it did, I

Q. Would you ever change the quote you received from a trader

8 A. Sometimes people on the sales desk would add a point,

what's known as markup or no risk, a point or two, to the price

to the client. 10

11 Q. In instances where you did not -- well, what would cause

you to maybe add a markup to a particular client's transaction?

A. Quite often we put a lot of time and effort into covering these clients. If we were working for a long time on a trade

idea or we been working the order in the market for a number of 15

hours, we would put a point on the price to try to make a 16

little bit of extra. 17

I think it's worth pointing out, unlike stocks and 18 shares where you pay commission to trade, in foreign exchange 20 you don't pay a commission. It is essentially a free service.

So sometimes we would add a point, if we put a particular lot

of work into this client.

Q. Was there any risk to adding a point to a transaction for

markup?

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25 A. Yes. Yeah. The risk is you lose the ticket. It is a

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1 request. And then when we got feedback, often the case of we

asked three or five, so we had an idea when clients were asking

other banks and we felt it was in most instances.

4 Q. When you receive a quote from one of your traders, would you have a view as a salesperson as to the appropriateness of

the price that was quoted?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. How would you come to form a view?

9 A. I followed the markets. I am looking at the screens all

day long. You spend 12 hours on the desk following markets, 10

11 following currency pairs, you build a view, you are trading a

12 lot. 30, 40 deals a day sometimes. So you build a picture of

what feels right and what doesn't feel right. 13

14 Q. If you asked a trader for a spread and the trader came back

with a quote you didn't think was right, what, if anything, 15

would you do? 16

17 A. I would ask him why is that wider than I'd think.

Q. How often would you have these types of exchanges with

traders over the relevant time period?

20 A. Honestly, not that often because it was a time where we

were really trying to grow the business. We were on a 21

22 marketing push to increase the number of clients, grow market

share. So we were trying to quote the tightest possible price

24 all the time, because we felt that was really important to us

to take market share. 25

super competitive industry. If you are a point wider, you

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might miss that.

Q. Were there factors besides spread or price that were

important to clients?

A. Yes, absolutely. I think the quality of a bank's economic

research, that strategy, getting them into the right trades,

7 correct trades, I think coverage, obviously. I'm a sales guy,

I am going to say that coverage was super important. If you

had a good relationship, you were getting good ideas from that

salesperson. I think thinks like efficiency of back office, 10

settlement issues, that was important. Whether the client had

a relationship in another part of the bank, that was also 12

important. So there were a number of factors as to why clients 13

chose to deal with us. 14

Q. Earlier today you said that after you would provide the quote to a customer, that customer might trade or the customer

might decide not to trade with Credit Suisse. 17

Would clients ever seek to negotiate or ask you to 18 19 tighten a spread that you had quoted to them?

20 A. Yes.

Q. I'd like to bring up DTX 578. If you see here, somewhere

buried in here I do believe it's your name. If we can

highlight. If we go to the line at 16:14:08. We can see that.

Are you BHowarth1?

25 A. That's me. BHowarth0 is the JPMorgan version.

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1 Q. Do you know what this line indicates?

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- 2 A. Yes. That's saying I basically got to work at 6:14 a.m.
- and I've just logged on.

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- **4** Q. Can we pull up 7:46:06 to 7:48:54. Can you walk the jury
- through what's happening in this discussion.
- 6 A. Yes, absolutely. So, Mark Dray, who was a foreign exchange
- salesperson based in London, he is asking for a price in dollar
- 8 India. He is asking for an FX swap and the dates of the swap
- are the 23rd of September to the 24th of October and it's in 50
- 10 million dollars. He then says Bref which is the name of the
- client. So the trader knows the currency pair, the amount, the 11
- 12
- dates, and the client. Francis, who is the Credit Suisse 13
- trader based in Asia, he says MP which is moment please. He 14 then 30 seconds later just over 30 seconds later provides a
- 15 price which is 12 at 14. So at 12 the customer could sell and
- 16 at 14 they could buy. Mark shows that to the client. There is
- 17 about a minute gap between him coming back after Francis gave
- the price. And he is asking if we can show tighter because the 18
- 19 client gets one wide elsewhere question mark. Francis doesn't
- 20 reply. But he just gives the improved price of 12.5 at 13.5.
- 21 So the spread has gone from 2 points, 12 to 14, to one point.
- 15 seconds later, thereabouts, Mark says 13.5. So that means 22
- the client has dealt and has bought at 13.5.
- 24 Q. How long did that exchange take that you just walked
- 25 through?

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- 1 Q. Here the trader does tighten his price. How common was it for CS to change its quote in response to a customer request?
- A. We would tighten probably 90 percent of the time. Because
- we were trying to grow the business and really expand our
- market share. We would tighten wherever possible.
- Q. Mr. Soh says in the last line here that's highlighted or
- that's called out here, I can show 1.5 pip wide. One pip wide
- not helping us at all. 8
- 9 Do you have an understanding as to what that means?
- A. Yeah, I think my take on this is that Francis is telling 10
- Mark, in future I'd look to be 1.5 rather than one. I would
- suggest in this instance that Francis may have lost money on
- this deal. And he's sort having a little complaint at Mark 13
- saying one is too wide but I'll commit to 1.5 in the future.
- 15 One not helping us.
- 16 Q. How common is it for a trader to lose money on a trade
- because his spread was too tight?
- A. It was very common. It was certainly on two-way prices.
- You had to make an assessment on both sides of the market,
- 20 because the FX industry was competitive, if you wanted to win
- 21 the ticket, you had to have a tight price. So, it was common,
- 22 you might underestimate one side, and then you get dealt on
- 23 that side and all of a sudden you are struggling to cover it.

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- It did happen fairly frequently.
- Q. Can we turn to DTX 076. Can we pull up again, this shows

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- 1 A. It took just over two minutes.
- 2 Q. Before we talked about sometimes spot transactions having a
- couple second turnaround time. Why in your view is this
- longer?
- 5 A. He is asking for an FX swap here. So, the trader has to
- calculate the interest rate differential between U.S. dollars
- and Indian rupee. So that takes, that will take a minute or so
- at least. 8
- **9** Q. When Mr. Dray says he gets one wide. What did you, can you
- explain what that meant? 10
- 11 A. Yes. So what I believe happened here is, Mr. Dray gave the
- 12 client the price and the client said to him, can you tighten
- 13 that up because I'm generally used to getting one wide from
- another banks or away. 14
- 15 Q. Was it common for a customer to tell you the spreads they
- were receiving from another bank?
- 17 A. Yes, it was.
- 18 Q. How commonly were spreads discussed in the market by market
- participants, in your experience?
- 20 A. I think they were discussed very widely. Sales to clients,
- 21 sales to trader, clients to clients. I think spreads were in
- 22 many ways what the business was about. So it was liquidity.
- 23 Trader's job was to assess liquidity. One of the best ways to
- 24 address liquidity was to talk about spreads. So I think they
- 25 were widely discussed.

that you entered this chatroom. Can we pull up 14:58:59 to

- 15:01:21. Can you walk the jury what's happening in this
- 3 discussion.

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- A. Okay. So, Kaitlyn Atherton was an FX salesperson based in
- New York. She's asking for a price here for one of her
- customers, Wells Fargo, and the price is -- she wants a
- 7 dollar/Chile peso price in 3 million dollars for a valid date
- 8 of 7 of December.
- 9 Rob Lynch who was our FX trader in New York at the
- 10 time acknowledges it. And 24 seconds later comes back with a price 21 at 20, or buy them at 81.55. Kaitlyn is giving that
- 12 price to the customer. And comes back with the feedback he's
- 13 asking if we can show tighter. Rob agrees to do this. And
- then shows 81.00 to 81.25 so he's tightened the price from 35
- 15 points wide, 55 minus 20, to 25 points wide in this instance.
- 16 Kaitlyn then lets Rob know what's going on because it's about a 17 30 second break between any communication here. Kaitlyn says
- I'm he still showing this. Tell me if ref. And that means, 18
- basically, if you want to refresh the price, if you want to 19
- 20 change it, the market's moved, just let me know. And then
- 10 seconds later she says passing. So the client has passed 21
- the price. And she makes the assumption that he was 22
- 23 potentially on the left-hand side, LHS, so she's quite
- correctly making the assumption he was probably a seller.
- 81.20, that was a better price to sell on the refresh, 81.00,

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where Credit Suisse ranked compared to its peers?

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- 2 A. Well, I think just eyeballing it now, a lot of it seems to
- be white which would suggest we're tighter than average. So I
- think that puts us in a relatively good place. My eyes are
- just not good enough to figure out that color between tightest
- and widest. I want to say we were perhaps tightest on more
- stuff than we were widest. But it's giving me good color on
- where we rank vis-a-vis the rest of his counterparts.
- Q. This e-mail exchange is dated May 2007. Did you continue
- to receive feedback like this during the 2007 and 2013 time
- 11 period?

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- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 O. As the head of sales, did you observe any trends in the
- Credit Suisse spread grids over the 2007 to 2013 time period?
- 15 A. I would say, I would say that over that time period,
- spreads slightly compressed. Obviously there were, as I said, 16
- 17 earlier on there were huge periods of volatility within that
- time frame. But if I was to sort of hazard a guess between
- 2007 and 2013, I think spreads marginally compressed in some of 19
- 20 the G10 major pairs. You can see why. If you look at the
- 21 process for these spread grids, there is a back and forth, we
- give our spreads and get feedback and tighten again. That does 22
- lead to some compression of spreads.
- 24 Q. Can we bring up PTX 1754. If we can turn to your original
- e-mail on the bottom. Can you just describe take a moment to

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- 1 Q. A few moments ago you were talking about your view that the
- spreads had compressed during the relevant time period. What
- do you mean by compressed?
- 4 A. Sorry. Yes. They got tighter. They narrowed in.
- Q. I'd like to show you a chat discussion the jury has seen a
- few times now. PTX 1373A. If we can pull up 7:52:45 to
- 7:56:29.

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- 8 Can you take a moment to review that and let me know
- when you're ready.
- A. Yup, okay.
- Q. Can we call out the line at 7:53:09 and line that follows.
- 12 Mr. Lawes says let's sign a pact on spreads.
- As someone who knew and worked with Mr. Lawes, how do 13 you read his statement?
- 15 A. I mean, as I said, it's not -- Jamie was the joker in the
- pack. I view this as bravado between a few traders in one
- 17 chatroom. I certainly didn't have any issues with his pricing
- when dealing with customers. Just not my experience.
- Q. Can we also call out the line at 7:55:49. Mr. Lawes says
- 20 wish you widen your spreads yet. Two lines down he says just
- tell sales then. 21
- And if we can get the final line. He says stand your 22 23 ground man.
- Are those statements regarding sales consistent with 24
- your experience working with him?

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- look at it and explain to the jury why you were sending this
- e-mail.
- 3 A. Yeah. So what I was doing here is I was sending an e-mail
- to hashtag GFX sales all. That is the entire Credit Suisse FX
- 5 sales network across the whole globe. And what I was trying to
- do here is increase the amount of emerging market business we
- 7 saw in the London hours. And CE4 is shorthand for the central European 4 which was Poland, Hungary, the Czech Republic, 8
- 9 Slovakia. Slovakia has since joined the E.U. so it's CE3, and
- zar and mxn in London hours only. 10
- 11 So, I am trying to make a marketing push here to our 12 sales team. I've prepared a grid, and I have said I am going
- to put that on their desk, and I just wanted it front and 13
- 14 center so when they came in in the morning, they had something
- 15 to remind of them of emerging markets. And when they talked to
- their clients, they could hopefully start selling the emerging 16
- 17 market business.
- 18 Q. You said I am getting this grid printed off and laminated.
- 19 Did you typically laminate spread grids?
- 20 A. No, not really. This is a marketing push so I wanted to
- get this in front of them and remind them daily. And I was 21
- 22 kind of in my own head, I was thinking if it's a piece of
- paper, it will end up in the bin. If it's laminated, it's got
- more chances of survival. Normally I wouldn't go to this 24
- 25 trouble to laminate, no.

1 A. No, they're not. I don't know whether he's sort of trying

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- to wind the other trader up or play devil's advocate here, but
- we found Jamie to be a reasonably friendly franchise trader.
- We sent him on a lot of client meetings, and he was viewed as a
- good flow trader by customers.
- This is not my experience with Jamie.
- Q. Over the relevant time period, did you ever ask Mr. Lawes
- to tighten a spread for a client?
- 9 A. Yes.

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- 10 Q. What was his response?
- A. He was usually keen doing business. More often than not,
- he would tighten that spread up for me.
- Q. You can take down this exchange.
- Putting aside this exchange, did you observe anything
- 15 during the 2007 to 2013 time period working with Mr. Lawes and
- the other CS traders that led you to believe that any CS trader
- 17 was providing you with wider spreads than were appropriate?
- 18 A. No.
- Q. Did you ever observe any facts during that time period that
- led you to believe that CS traders had entered into any
- 21 agreement with traders at other banks to widen spreads?
- 22 A. No.
- Q. Do you believe you would have known if they had entered
- into such agreements?
- 25 A. I think I would. I mean, ultimately, salespeople are

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usually the same or different about spreads?

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- 2 A. They're definitely different.
- 3 Q. Can you explain that?

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- 4 A. Well, I think you have -- like, you have -- as we talked
- about, we assign different currencies to different traders.
- And, you know, someone who's actually in the seat, dealing with
- it all the time, that specific currency, would be stronger and
- know their market better than someone who wasn't.
- 9 Q. Well, how about even among two traders or three traders
- that trade the same currency at different banks? To what 10
- extent are views similar or different? 11
- 12 A. They'd probably be different.
- Q. Now, so we were talking about what traders are looking at
- during the day. You mentioned news sources. We talked about
- 15 EBS and Reuters, the prices there.
- 16 How about chatrooms? Were the traders you supervised
- in chatrooms with traders from other banks? 17
- A. Yes, they were.
- 19 Q. And what, if any, understanding do you have as to why
- 20 traders at one bank would be chatting with traders at other
- banks? 21
- 22 A. General market color, exchanging -- exchanging information
- on what they thought was going to happen, you know, on a
- specific currency, trade ideas.

was an important thing to do?

25 Q. And can you explain why, if at all, in the FX market that

- 1 Q. Any other reasons why you decided to participate in the
 - chatrooms maybe less than others?

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- A. I mean, there's definitely a lot of off-color jokes in
- there, a lot of sarcasm, too much personal information, stuff

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- Q. To what extent, if at all, did you have concerns that
- things you wrote could get misinterpreted?
- A. I mean, I think you're always concerned about that when
- you're talking to somebody and somebody's looking down and
- doesn't know who you are and what you mean. I'm always
- concerned about that. 11
- Q. So you had some of these concerns, but you were a
- supervisor, right?
- A. Yes.
- 15 Q. You knew the traders you supervised were chatting with
- traders at other banks, right?
- 17 A. Yes, I did.
- **18** Q. Was that OK with you, given your own personal views?
- 19 A. Well, that was my own personal view about what I felt about
- the chatrooms. For those, I felt at times, I still do, that it
 - 21 was a legitimate form of conversation.

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- Q. Now, we've been discussing the role this morning so far,
- Mr. Condie, the role of the trader, and now I'd like to look at
- some documents that may reinforce some of the points that we've
- been discussing. 25

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- **2** A. The foreign exchange market at times -- it was odd because
- there wasn't -- in the foreign exchange market, there wasn't
- exactly -- there wasn't an exchange for foreign exchange;
- 5 meaning, there was nowhere to go. If something moved, there
- was nowhere where you could go and find out why something
- 7 moved. If you're sitting there on the desk and you're -- and
- 9 calls up and they want to know, hey, what's going on in

sterling only moves 50 pips and you have no idea and a client

- sterling and you didn't know, you didn't see the business, you 10
- 11 could -- you'd ask another trader at a bank, do you have any
- idea what just happened in sterling? So I think it was because 12
- there was nowhere to go for information. 13
- 14 Q. So customers expected that you would be up to date on what
- was going on in the market?
- 16 A. They would expect it and I would want to show them that we
- knew what was going on in the market. 17
- 18 Q. Now, how about you, sir? Did you chat with traders at
- other banks?
- 20 A. I would say I did, but probably less frequently than
- others. 21

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- 22 Q. How come you didn't do it as much as others may have?
- 23 A. Probably just comes down to personality. I kind of -- kind
- of one of those people I kind of trust my own views, and I tend
- to rely on myself.

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 - So if we can please pull up DTX 86 in evidence, and
 - this is a chat from 2008 between you and Markus Menzl.
- Do you see that? 3
- 4 A. Yes, I do.
- 5 Q. Do you know Mr. Menzl?
- 6 A. Markus was an FX trader in Credit Suisse Zurich.
- Q. All right. So you guys both worked at Credit Suisse at the
- time?
- 9 A. Yes, we did.
- MR. MOSS: So let's go down to timestamp 15:31:05. We 10
- can go down to there.
- Q. Are you with me there, Mr. Condie? It's at the top of the
 - page. 13
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. Mr. Menzl says: You made 15 points in 60.
- Do you see that? 16
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. And you say: Yes, right?
- 20 Q. Excuse me. I misread it. I read it incompletely: You
- made 15 points in 60 euryen. 21
- 22 Do you see that?
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 Q. And you say yes.
- 25 Can you explain to the jury just that little exchange.

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- need a price on 50 million euro, euro/dollar, and they would
- say that to a salesperson, the salesperson would either stand
- up and yell to the spot desk or, if they had a line of view,
- just, hey, price on 50 million euro/dollar for so-and-so.
- **5** Q. And then what happens? So the salesperson calls out for
- the price. What happens?
- 7 A. Well, the spot desk has to get the price back. I mean,
- that's literally talking between two and five seconds, because
- it is a spot market, and it's moving so quickly. The spot
- market relays their price in that amount to the salesperson who 10
- repeats it to the client. 11
- 12 Q. All right. So let's talk about that. Did you say -- how
- many seconds did you say in that interaction?
- A. It's between two and five seconds you're trying to get the
- 15 price back to the client.
- Q. So let's talk about the two to five seconds. 16
- So the trader, the salesperson shouts out, asks for a 17
- price. The trader has two to five seconds to respond. What's 18
- the trader doing in that time? 19
- 20 A. Well, actually, what the trader's been doing all day long
- 21 is they're staring at the price; they're staring at the market.
- Like, they're getting ready to make the price. That's their 22
- job. That's their primary job. There's not much to really do.
- They just hear the request, and they're judging liquidity and 24
- 25 spitting a price back out to the customer.

quoted to the salesperson?

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- 2 A. I was allowed to do that.
- 3 O. Did you ever do it?
- 4 A. I did, yes.

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- 5 Q. How come?
- A. Various reasons. Sometimes I would -- I would get involved
- if I knew it was a new customer that we're trying to get to
- deal with us that we haven't seen in a while. We'd want to
- show them the best price. So I could get in; I could narrow
- 10 the price. There would be other times we'd be in penalty box
- where the customer hadn't dealt with us for some reason. 11
- 12 Something happened in options or forwards. We hadn't seen them
- 13 in a while. We wanted to get them back on board. I could jump
- in there and narrow the price.
- Q. You mentioned two examples where you would narrow the
- spread. Do you recall ever in your seven years telling a
- 17 trader to widen the spread from the spread he or she quoted?
- A. I do not.
- Q. All right, Mr. Condie. So we've discussed the roles of
- 20 traders, we talk about salespeople, we've talked about how a
- 21 transaction works, and now I'd like to zoom out a little bit,
- if we can, and talk about Credit Suisse's strategy and its
- 23 customers. You referenced this a little bit in your testimony,
- but let's go through it in some detail. 24
- 25 Just remind the jury, please, when did you come to

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- 1 Q. And in your view -- by the way, you actually observed this
- happen, right, as the chief dealer? You saw this all the time,
- this interaction between the salesperson and the trader?
- **4** A. I mean, definitely. Everyone -- everyone pays attention to
- what's going on when a deal comes across the desk. 6 Q. And sometimes you were on the receiving end of it because
- sometimes it was a currency pair that you traded, right?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. All right. In your experience, does the trader have time
- in those two to five seconds to send a chat to other banks to 10
- 11 ask their opinions on spreads, to receive the information from
- 12 those other banks, and then to incorporate that into his or her
- quote to the salesperson? 13
- 14 A. There's no time for that at all.
- **15** Q. You ever seen that happen? Have you ever seen a trader at
- Credit Suisse, when they're asked on the spot and have to
- respond in two to three seconds, get on and start typing 17
- something? 18
- 19 A. No, I have not.
- Q. So I want to talk a little bit more about this sequence 20 21 that you just went through.
- 22 So salesperson asks for the spread or the two-way
- price. Trader provides it in two to five seconds. To what
- extent, if at all, did you as the chief dealer in New York have
- discretion to modify, to change, the spread that the trader

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- Credit Suisse? A. I joined in 2007.
- 3 Q. And where'd you come from?
- 4 A. I was working at Bank of America at the time.
- 5 Q. Did you come with any particular other people?
- 6 A. Yes. Yes, I came over with a group of people.
- Q. A group of people.
- How come you guys came over to Credit Suisse in 2007?
- A. Well, in 2007, Credit Suisse was a relatively small player
- in the FX market, and they had decided to make a push to become
- a top ten player in the bank, in the foreign exchange market, I
- should say. And one of the managers at Credit Suisse reached out to my boss at Bank of America. He was aware of his 13
- reputation and what he had done at other banks, and he had told
- him what he was looking to do. And he assembled a team to come
- over and try to achieve that goal.
- Q. What had they done at other banks? 17
- Euromoney surveys at the different banks we were at. We moved

A. We just helped out with, actually, the ranking on the

- 20 up. The main guy was Alain, who started at Deutsche Bank. He
- helped make them a number one player in FX. So people were
- aware of his name. Clients were aware of us, and we dealt with 22
- 23 many people. So it was just a push to make them a top player

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25 Q. And you said Alain. Just so -- I don't think it's a name

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1 That we're very good in the Colombian peso, the Chile, ruble.

- 2 We're very strong in those currencies. The problem is I'm not
- 3 responsible for those currencies, so I'm not going to see their
- 4 business unless we tighten the spreads.

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- **5** Q. What'd you do in response to requests like this and others?
- 6 A. We tightened the spreads.
- 7 Q. You recall doing that?
- 8 A. Yes.

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- 9 Q. And did you do it for just BlackRock or for your other
- 10 customers, too, sir?
- 11 A. We narrowed spreads when asked.
- 12 Q. By the way, so they're actually providing, BlackRock is,
- these rankings. So these 20, those are spreads from other
- 14 banks, right?
- 15 A. Yes, there are.
- 16 Q. So let me ask you, in your experience, where did you get
- 17 more information about your customers' spreads, from talking
- 18 directly to other banks, traders in chatrooms or from
- 19 information that your customers passed along that they used to
- 20 try to force competition?
- 21 A. Mostly from customers.
- 22 Q. Now, Mr. Condie, we talked about the strategy. We saw some
- 23 documents about this strategy in play. You recall whether it
- 24 was that you had any success in growing market share?
- 25 A. I recall being very successful.

1 Q. So I want to ask you directly. You're under oath. Did you

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- 2 ever enter into an agreement with anyone from any other bank to
- 3 fix, widen, or stabilize spreads?
- 4 A. I did not.

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- 5 Q. All right. And you supervised all the New York traders who
- 6 worked at Credit Suisse between 2007 and 2013, right, sir?
- 7 A. Yes, I did.
- 8 Q. And when they're being asked for quotes every day from the
- 9 salespeople, you're sitting there watching what happens, right?
- 10 A. Yes, I was.
- 11 Q. And you had conversations with all of these guys about the
- 12 market and about their business and how they were doing, right?
- 13 A. Yes, I did.
- **14** Q. Did you ever have any conversation or did you ever see
- anything that would lead you to believe that one of those
- 16 traders entered into an agreement to fix or widen spreads?
- 17 A. I did not.
- 18 Q. All right. In your view, Mr. Condie -- by the way, what do
- 19 you make of this accusation that Credit Suisse and 16 -- 15
- 20 other banks entered into a single agreement to widen spreads?
- 21 What do you think of that?
- 22 A. I think it's impossible. Just too many people involved.
- Too many banks involved. I don't think it could be
- 24 orchestrated.

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25 Q. Now, in your view -- last question, Mr. Condie.

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- 1 Q. Let's take a look at the Euromoney survey from the very
- 2 next year, DTX 573. This is the market share for the 2008
- 3 year, but it's again marked 2009 because the Euromoney survey
- 4 is backward-looking.
- 5 So where is Credit Suisse here after one year of you
- 6 guys competing with your strategy? Where do you see them?
- 7 A. We've jumped into the top ten, and we're at number nine.
- 8 Q. And I think you were at 1.51 the year before, is that
- 9 right?
- 10 A. Yes. The market share had a nice jump.
- 11 Q. Is that consistent or inconsistent with your recollection?
- 12 A. Consistent.
- 13 Q. All right. So at this point, by the way, was Credit Suisse
- a dominant player in the FX market?
- **15** A. Three percent market share would not make you dominant.
- Like the big boys up top, the top four banks, were like 15.
- 17 We're talking like 15, maybe 18 percent of the market. So
- 18 we're getting there. We were much better, but we still weren't
- 19 close to the big guys.
- 20 Q. Did you ever get there?
- 21 A. We never did, no.
- 22 Q. All right. So you're aware, right, of the accusation in
- 23 this case that you and other traders at Credit Suisse were
- 24 widening -- entered into an agreement to widen spreads, right?
- 25 A. Yes, I am.

1 We talked about Credit Suisse's strategy of growing

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- 2 its business. How, if at all, could Credit Suisse have
- 3 executed and been successful on its strategy of growing its
- 4 business if it were colluding on spreads with competitors?
- 5 A. It would have never worked. We never would have gotten
- 6 better or moved up in the rankings. There would have been no
- 7 reason to change counterparties and deal with Credit Suisse if
- we weren't offering a better service.
- 9 MR. MOSS: Thank you, Mr. Condie, for your time this
- 10 morning. I have nothing further.
- THE COURT: Why don't we go ahead and have
- 12 cross-examination.
- MR. NOSS: Your Honor, may I examine the witness?
- THE COURT: You may.
- 15 CROSS-EXAMINATION
- 16 BY MR. NOSS:
- 17 Q. Good morning, Mr. Condie.
- 18 A. Good morning.
- 19 Q. I took your deposition in this case in June of 2018,
- 20 correct?
- 21 A. Yes, you did.
- 22 Q. And you understood you were under oath in that deposition,
- 23 right?
- 24 A. Yes, I did.
- 25 Q. And you understand that that oath was the same oath that

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1 Q. Typically, how long did it take between the time the

- 2 salesperson would ask you for a quote and someone from your
- 2 salesperson would ask you for a quote and someone from yo
- 3 desk would respond to that request?

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- 4 A. It would take seconds.
- 5 Q. Why was the response time in seconds?
- 6 A. You needed to make them the fastest most competitive price
- 7 so the customer can access the market. It is not something you
- 8 can delay on. They have too many other options to deal on so
- 9 you are going to -- you are going to get that rate out to them
- 10 as fast as possible.

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- 11 Q. What happened if you did delay?
- 12 A. They could transact elsewhere.
- 13 Q. After you provided your quote to the salesperson, what's
- 14 your understanding of what would happen next?
- 15 A. At that point they are going to relay the price to the
- 16 customer. And then customer can decide what they would want to
- 17 do. They could either decide to buy or sell on the price we
- 18 had shown them, or they could change direction and give an
- indication of what they wanted to have happen.
- So really was up to them to decide if they wanted to
- 21 transact on the price, to deal in a different manner, maybe
- 22 they wanted to just do it at best. It really depended on the
- situation and it was up to the customer.
- 24 Q. In your experience, did customers ever push back on a quote
- or ask you to tighten a price?

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- 1 A. Oh, other interbank counterparties, so other banks in the
- 2 industry.
- 3 Q. At what point in the trading day would you seek to assess
- 4 liquidity?
- 5 A. Usually, you know, points of inflection, when things were
- 6 moving fast and you are trying to assess whether or not the
- 7 dynamics have changed, right. So the liquidity events would
- 8 consistently change, they're constantly changing, so you are
- 9 always trying to assess whether or not the viewpoint in the
- 10 marketplace has changed.
- 11 Q. While you were at Credit Suisse, did you typically trade
- with a particular kind of customer?
- 13 A. We would trade with all sorts of customers. They were
- 14 probably divided by three sectors. We traded with the hedge
- 15 fund community, we would trade with asset managers or real
- money customers, and we would trade corporations.
- 17 Q. In your experience, did Credit Suisse's customer base
- 18 differ from the customer base of other banks?
- 19 A. Absolutely.
- 20 Q. How so?
- 21 A. So, the DNA at all the banks is very specific and
- 22 different. So Credit Suisse was focused on the institutional
- 23 customers, the hedge fund community. My previous employer to
- 24 that, Bank of America, would have been focused on corporations,
- 25 mid-market customers. And then even going back to NatWest and

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- 1 A. They could do.
- 2 Q. In those instances, would you tighten the price?
- 3 A. Most likely, yes.
- **4** Q. If we can focus on two-way quotes for a moment. Can you
- 5 explain what the term spread means in your view.
- 6 A. Of course. Spread is just the difference between the bid
- 7 and offer. Where would you buy a currency and where you would
- 8 sell a currency. So just the number of points in between
- 9 creates that -- the spread.
- 10 Q. Could you say the spread is charged to a customer?
- 11 A. No.
- 12 Q. How would you go about determining spread to use for a
- 13 two-way price?
- 14 A. You would use any number of factors. I mean, there was --
- 15 depending on the situation in the market, whether there was an
- 16 economic event, a data release, central bank announcement, we
- 17 would rely on price, risk we might have, inventory we might
- 18 retain, and then we would utilize any of our interbank
- 19 counterparts to get an assessment of what we thought liquidity
- 20 looked like in the marketplace.
- 21 Q. How would you go about collecting that information about
- 22 liquidity that you just mentioned?
- 23 A. You would be in touch with different counterparts across
- 24 the street.
- 25 Q. What do you mean by across the street?

1 RBS, they would be focused on European corporates and European

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- 2 asset managers.
- 3 Q. How would you describe the customers you traded with?
- 4 A. They were typically large sophisticated institutions.
- 5 Q. Was it always necessary for a customer to trade through a
- salesperson or a trader?
- 7 A. No. They could come to their trader directly if they chose
- 8 to

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- 9 Q. Did Credit Suisse also have any trading electronic trading
- 10 platforms that a customer could use?
- 11 A. They did.
- 12 Q. Do you have an understanding of how many trades were done
- via CS's electronic platforms versus voice trade over the
- relevant time period, 2007 to 2013?
- 15 A. I don't know the exact numbers. It certainly grew over the
- 16 years. The industry largely electrified and most people use
- 17 the electronic platforms, and at that time majority of the
- 18 trades would go through electronic format.
- 19 Q. As a trader, did you have any role in developing or
- 20 programming Credit Suisse's electronic platform?
- 21 A. No, I did not.
- 22 Q. Did you ever use the electronic platform?
- 23 A. No. I did not.
- 24 Q. Did you track Credit Suisse's market share during the
- relevant time period?

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1 A. As best I could.

- 2 Q. How did you do so?
- 3 A. There would be any number of consulting surveys that would
- 4 rate out the different banks in the industry, as well as just
- 5 feedback from our customers directly.

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- 6 Q. Do you recall Credit Suisse's standing over the 2007 time
- 7 period?

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- 8 A. At the point that I started the firm, it was a small player
- 9 in the marketplace. Certainly in the single percentage digits
- in market share. So in the lower bottom, lower third, lower
- 11 half of the bottom third of the industry.
- 12 Q. Did that ever change?
- 13 A. Absolutely.
- 14 Q. How did it change?
- 15 A. We grew our market share quite a bit from 2007 to 2013.
- **16** Q. Do you have a view as to why you were able to do that?
- 17 A. We were absolutely the most aggressive bank on the street
- at that time. Credit Suisse New York.
- 19 Q. What do you mean by being an aggressive bank?
- 20 A. So we were the most aggressive in tightest pricing,
- 21 servicing our clients, making sure they had all the resources
- and connectivity in the market that they needed.
- 23 Q. How do you know that the prices that you were quoting were
- 24 aggressive or --
- 25 A. Because we gained market share and because the customers

1 A. I viewed them as counterparties because they were providing

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- 2 liquidity to the marketplace. I could use them for liquidity.
- 3 They would give market color and commentary. It allowed me to
- 4 provide a service to our customers, provide the best possible
- 5 price.

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- 6 Q. When you say you would use them for liquidity, does that
- 7 mean you would trade with the other traders?
- 8 A. Occasionally.
- 9 Q. What would you typically discuss with other traders on
- 10 Bloomberg chats?
- 11 A. The bulk of it would be, would be banter, could be
- 12 anything, you know, personal, what's going on at home life.
- 13 And we would also, we utilize it in moments of inflection where
- 14 we would look for commentary around liquidity conditions.
- 15 Q. You mentioned the term market color earlier in your
- testimony. What does that term mean to you?
- 17 A. It means any number of things. It really is about, like,
- 18 opinions on maybe a data release, opinions on a central bank
- 19 comment, anything that might be fundamental. Research that
- 20 could be spread across the street, and then as well as opinions
- 21 on what liquidity looks like, whether the market is slow moving
- 22 or faster moving, if it's illiquid or has some depth to it.
- 23 Q. Were there any limitations as to the types of information
- you could exchange with traders at other banks?
- 25 A. Yes.

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- 1 would let us know that.
- 2 Q. Do you recall any specific clients who would reach out to
- 3 you to give you that feedback that you were aggressive or
- 4 tight?
- 5 A. I mean, there would be any number of customers over the
- 6 time. Large asset managers like the BlackRocks of the world
- 7 Putnam, Fidelity, as well as the hedge fund community. Moore
- 8 Asset Management, Tudor Asset Management.
- 9 Q. During your time as an FX trader at Credit Suisse, did you
- 10 use Bloomberg chats?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. Who would you generally communicate with in your Bloomberg
- 13 chats?
- 14 A. Other counterparties at other banks.
- 15 Q. Did you also use them internally at CS?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. Do you recall how many traders from other banks you would
- typically chat with in these chatrooms?
- 19 A. Roughly 11 or 12 in total.
- 20 Q. Did you view those 11 or 12 individuals as your
- 21 competitors?
- 22 A. No.
- 23 Q. How did you view them?
- 24 A. I viewed them as counterparties.
- 25 Q. What do you mean by that?

- 1 O. What were those limitations?
- 2 A. You certainly could not share specific customer information
- 3 in divulging a name. You would not give any real time
- 4 information on any specific trade in real time.
- 5 Q. Why would you not give real time information?
- 6 A. Because it -- it would not help you. It would disclose too
- 7 much on that customer about what they are trying to do.
- 8 Q. Are you familiar with the term P chat or persistent chat?
- 9 A. I am.
- 10 Q. Approximately how many persistent chats were you a member
- of in 2007 to 2013?
- 12 A. Between 10 and 11.
- 13 Q. Are you able to estimate the approximate number of chat
- 14 discussions you would have had in the 2007 to 2013 time period?
- 15 A. There was probably 250, 260 days in a trading year,
- 16 multiply that by those amounts, it's got to be in the tens of
- 17 thousands.
- **18** Q. Did you ever discuss spreads in chatrooms with traders from
- 19 other banks?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. For what purpose were you doing that?
- 22 A. You are trying to assess liquidity and the conditions
- 23 around liquidity.
- 24 Q. How would discussing spreads with other traders inform you
- 25 about liquidity?

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1 wide. I gave him a range of 150 to 200 points.

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- **2** Q. Can you describe your response from 8:28:24 to 8:26:39?
- 3 A. Another 27 minutes later I chime back in saying sorry 225.
- 4 Market -- 225 to 250 markets get better should be 200.
- I'm giving him some ranges in my thoughts, if things
- stabilize, it should probably be tightened up to 200.
- 7 Q. You also say, sorry, was my guess and just asked Niall and
- 8 he tends to be aggressive so I was way off.
- 9 What do you mean by that?
- 10 A. So, yeah, we're not, at that point, yeah, I'm just guessing
- 11 at liquidity, right, trying to give my estimate or my opinion
- 12 on it. And at some point, clearly about a half an hour later,
- 13 I probably had asked Niall what his opinion was and he gave
- 14 something different. And he is, I view him as an aggressive
- price maker so I indicated that.
- 16 Q. Would traders on the same desk show different spreads for
- the same volume in the same currency pair?
- 18 A. Absolutely.
- 19 Q. Why was that?
- 20 A. You'd have different mandates, so different reasons to have
- 21 positioning or not. Different levels of experience. You had,
- 22 you would have different P&L tolerances. So at times things
- change across the desk for different people.
- 24 Q. Might you have a different view of the market?
- 25 A. Absolutely.

- 1 A. Yeah. Think 8 will most likely be a struggle but what is
- 2 expected by the select.
- 3 Q. What do you understand him to mean?

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- 4 A. I think he's saying that 8 points is probably going to be
- 5 tight, and it would be difficult to liquidate it from beginning
- 6 to end. So to clear the risk, to get it down to zero and to be
- 7 flat in P&L., he thinks it would be a struggle. So most
- 8 likely, he's indicating most likely would lose money, and he
- 9 indicates what is expected by the select. He's indicating that
- 10 maybe certain customers would expect that spread.
- 11 Q. Do you know one way or the other if Mr. Crank was quoting a
- 12 customer a spread of 8 to 10 in that currency pair at that
- 13 time?

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- 14 A. I have no idea. I mean, there's too much time that's gone
- 15 by. It's not likely.
- 16 Q. When you say too much time has gone by, what are you
- 17 referring to?
- 18 A. Because if somebody's asking him for a price in that
- amount, he has to reply right away. He doesn't have time to
- 20 ask me my opinion. And the exchange happens over a few
- 21 minutes, it won't happen.
- 22 Q. In this exchange, were you agreeing with Mr. Crank about
- what spreads you would show to customers?
- 24 A. No.

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25 Q. What would you say was the purpose of this exchange?

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- 1 Q. Do you know if Mr. Crank was asking you for your views on
- 2 spreads in order to provide a quote to a customer?
- 3 A. I do not. I don't believe Jason ever traded in dollar/mxn.
- 4 Q. In this exchange, were you agreeing with Mr. Crank about
- 5 what spreads you would show to customers?
- 6 A. Absolutely not.
- 7 Q. What would you say the purpose of this exchange was?
- 8 A. Trying to assess, figure out liquidity in that currency
- 9 pair in that amount. Really just trying to figure out the
- 10 conditions at that time over a 30-minute period.
- 11 O. Can we bring up PTX 29A. Can we highlight the time stamp
- 12 11:21:05 to 11:22:21. Can you take a moment to read that and
- then I'll have a few questions.
- 14 A. Okay.
- 15 Q. Can you read your question at 11:21:05, please?
- 16 A. What is spread in 200 euro/dollar.
- 17 Q. What are you asking?
- 18 A. I'm asking because I am trying to figure out, again, assess
- 19 liquidity. Jason gives an opinion, again, a range between 8
- 20 and 10 points.
- 21 Q. What was your response back to Mr. Crank after he gave you
- 22 that range of 8 to 10?
- 23 A. I was thinking that it was closer to 8 points. So that was
- 24 my guess on that liquidity at that time.
- 25 Q. Then can you read Mr. Crank's statement at 11:22:15?

- **1** A. Trying to figure out liquidity in that amount at that time.
- 2 Q. Let's take a look at PTX 933A. Can we show the time stamps
- 3 at 12:38:13 to 12:42:39. Can you take a moment and read that
- 4 and let me know when you're ready.

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- 5 A. Okay.
- 6 Q. First, the first question is asked by a Maria Wrench. Who
- 7 is that?
- 8 A. I believe I had worked with Maria, she is a counterpart. I
- 9 believe I worked with her maybe at Dresdner. I am not
- 10 completely sure.
- 11 O. Do you know where she was working at that time?
- 12 A. UBS.
- 13 Q. Can you read what she's written to you there in the first
- 14 time
- 15 A. So brain what will be spread in 1 yard euro/dollar.
- 16 Q. What do you understand her to be asking?
- 17 A. So she's asking an opinion on what a spread would be in
- 18 1 billion euros against the U.S. dollar.
- 19 Q. Is a yard, a 1 billion, a frequently traded amount in the
- 20 FX market?
- 21 A. Fairly infrequent.
- 22 Q. How often have you traded that amount in a currency pair in
- 23 your career?
- 24 A. Over the 28 years, with financial institutions, maybe a
- 25 couple times at most.

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BENCHMARK RATES ANTITRUST October 18, 2022 MAIHFor3 MAIHFor3 Page 870 Walker - Direct Page 868 Walker - Cross 1 A. 7.1. right? 2 Q. What was the highest that was submitted? A. That's correct. MS. ROY: I have no further questions. 3 A. 12 points. 4 Q. And what was Credit Suisse's submission? 4 THE COURT: Cross. 5 A. We indicated 7. MR. BEREZNEY: Your Honor, I have some binders. May I 5 6 O. And in the 200 million, what was the median that was approach? submitted? 7 THE COURT: Yes. 8 A. 12.5. MR. BEREZNEY: May I proceed, your Honor? 8 9 Q. What was the mean? 9 THE COURT: Yes. 10 A. 13.4. **CROSS-EXAMINATION** 11 Q. What was the highest? BY MR. BEREZNEY: 11 12 A. 20. Q. Good afternoon, Mr. Walker. My name is Steve Berezney on 12 13 O. What was Credit Suisse's submission? behalf of plaintiffs. 13 We have not met before, have we? 14 A. Indicated 12 points. 15 Q. Finally, if we move to Canadian dollars, what was the 15 A. No, sir. median submission for the 50 million? Q. Are you represented by counsel today? 17 A. 5 points. 17 A. I am. 18 Q. What was the mean? **18** Q. Who is paying your counsel? 19 A. 5.5. 19 A. Credit Suisse. 20 Q. What was the highest? 20 Q. Now, am I correct that you communicated with Credit Suisse **21** A. 10 points. spot traders at the London trading desk about FX? 22 Q. What was Credit Suisse's submission? 22 A. That is correct. 23 A. Indicated 5 points. 23 Q. And you did so on a regular basis, correct? 24 A. Correct. 24 Q. And lastly, in the notional amount of 100, what was the median? 25 Q. YOU also communicated with Credit Suisse spot traders at MAIHFor3 Walker - Direct Page 869 MAIHFor3 Walker - Cross Page 871 1 A. 10 points. 1 the Credit Suisse trading desks in Singapore and Zurich about 2 Q. What was the mean? FX as well, correct? 3 A. 9.9. 3 A. Agree. 4 Q. What was the highest? **4** Q. And you did that on a regular basis as well, correct? 5 A. 14. 5 A. Agreed. 6 Q. And what was Credit Suisse's submission? 6 Q. Did you talk to FX traders at Credit Suisse on their Tokyo 7 A. Indicated 8 points. and Hong Kong desks as well about FX? MS. ROY: Thank you. You can take that down. 8 A. I would assume so. 9 Q. Now, plaintiffs in this case have claimed that some of the 9 O. Are you familiar with the name Jamie Lawes? 10 A. I'm familiar with the name. chats we reviewed earlier today and others like them reflect agreements by traders -- with traders from other banks to show 11 O. Mr. Lawes was on Credit Suisse's London spot desk, correct? the specific spreads to customers in the market. 12 A. That is agreed. 12 Did you at any time enter into an agreement with any 13 Q. And you would communicate at times with Mr. Lawes about 13 trader at any other bank about FX spreads? Credit Suisse's FX business, correct? 14 15 A. Absolutely not. 15 A. I don't recall, but I would assume so.

- 16 Q. Do you have a view as to what would have happened if four
- to five traders got together and agreed on spreads to show
- customers? 18
- 19 A. Would not have seen any business. You would have lost
- market share across -- across all customer bases.
- 21 Q. Why do you believe that?
- 22 A. Because they would go somewhere else. They have plenty of
- options to deal elsewhere. They're going to deal on the best
- possible price.
- 25 Q. When you're saying "they," you're referring to customers,

- 16 Q. I'm sorry. Can you say that one more time.
- 17 A. I assume so.
- 18 Q. Thank you.
- Were you aware that Mr. Lawes was in multibank 19
- chatrooms? 20
- 21 A. I was not aware.
- 22 Q. Do you know a woman by the name of Natalie Williams?
- 23 A. I do.
- 24 Q. And you both worked at Credit Suisse as FX traders for a
- period of time, correct?

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- matter.
- 2 Q. And to what extent does your firm's compensation depend on
- the substance of the testimony you're going to give her today?
- 4 A. Not at all.
- **5** Q. How about your personal compensation? To what extent does
- that depend on the opinions that you're going to offer here
- today?
- A. It does not. 8
- 9 Q. So, Dr. Mathur, before we get into the meat of your
- testimony, I want to ask you something. Were you here when
- 11 Dr. Singer testified for the plaintiffs?
- 12 A. I was.
- 13 Q. So can you tell us what, if any, reaction you had to
- Dr. Singer's testimony?
- 15 A. I was a bit surprised by Dr. Singer's testimony. He
- offered the opinion that the evidence in this matter is 16
- 17 consistent with an alleged agreement to widen spreads, but we
- didn't see any empirical analyses or data-driven analysis to 18
- support those opinions. And that's what economists do, 19
- 20 economists analyze data, and so I was a bit surprised by that.
- 21 Q. Were there any other of Dr. Singer's opinions that you were
- surprised he didn't support with data?
- A. Well, for example, he offered the opinion that, in his
- view, the evidence is not -- is consistent with an alleged
- 25 agreement to widen spreads. For an economist, the most direct

- 1 Q. All right. So, we'll get back to Dr. Singer. But let's move on.
- 3 And can you just summarize for the jury, please, what,
- if any, opinions you'll be offering in your testimony here
- 5
- A. I have two primary opinions. The first is that the FX
- marketplace is not conducive to an overarching conspiracy to
- 8 widen spreads.
- 9 The second opinion is that the evidence that I've analyzed is not consistent with such an alleged conspiracy. 10
- Q. So, let's start with that first opinion, Dr. Mathur. The
- 12 FX market is not conducive to a conspiracy.
- 13 Can you explain what that means, to not be conducive to a conspiracy.
- A. By "conducive" what economists typically mean is whether a 15
- marketplace has the features or the characteristics that you
- would expect to see in a market that might make it more likely or more possible for there to be a conspiracy.
- Q. When you say a conspiracy, do you have in mind the
- particular term of art that economists use? 20
- 21 A. Yes. When economists, and when I'm referring to a
- conspiracy, I'm referring to an agreement to increase -- well,
- an agreement among competitors to increase prices above their
- 24 competitive level. That's what economists typically mean by a
- 25 collusive agreement.

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- evidence to assess that question would be to in fact study
- whether spreads were wider during this alleged period, and we
- 3 didn't see any such analysis.
- Another example, I believe Dr. Singer offered the 4
- opinion that, on profitability, the alleged conspiracy was
- profitable for the banks. Profitability is again an empirical
- 7 question. Economists typically study it using financial data
- 8 or profit and loss statements, and we didn't see any such
- 9 analysis.
- 10 Q. Do you recall what Dr. Singer did base his profitability
- opinion on?
- 12 A. I believe it was based on some statements by one of the
- traders in a chat conversation. 13
- 14 Q. How about spread grids? The jury's heard a lot about
- spread grids. Do you recall any reaction -- having any 15
- reaction to Dr. Singer's testimony about spread grids? 16
- A. It's a similar reaction. I think the allegation here is 17
- that the spread grids were used to effectuate an alleged 18
- agreement to coordinate on spreads. The most direct evidence 19
- 20 to assess that question would be to in fact look at the data in
- the spread grids, and it's very detailed data in the spread 21
- 22 grids, to see if the data reflect an agreement, an alleged
- agreement on spreads.
- 24 Q. Did he do that? Did he present that analysis?
- 25 A. We didn't see any such analysis.

- 1 Q. So, why would firms want to raise their prices above
- competitive levels?
- A. Well, the idea would be to raise prices above competitive
- levels in order to make more money and earn more profits.
- Q. That seems pretty good. How come all firms don't do it?
- Or do all firms do it?
- A. Well, in fact, collusive agreements are rare. Most
- marketplaces don't have the conditions and the features that
- result in such agreements.
- Q. Let me show you Dr. Singer's trial testimony at page 10
- 368:13-15, if we can please pull that up on everyone's screen.
- This is an answer from Dr. Singer last week: 12
- "A. What a pact does or an agreement does is solve what an
- economist calls the incentive problem. Cartels are hard.
- They're hard generally to put together." 15
- 16 Do you agree with that?
- 17 A. I do.
- Q. Now, why do the conditions of the marketplace matter for
- this conduciveness analysis?
- A. Well, the conditions of the marketplace matter because the
- incentives are complicated, and in particular, there are
- competing incentives. So on the one hand, collectively, the 22 23 firms in the marketplace may have an incentive to attempt to
- 24 increase prices in an effort to earn higher profits. But there
- 25 is an opposite incentive. Each individual firm also has an

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is about six years?

2 A. That's right. I believe 73 months.

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- 3 Q. So how many approximately transactions would there be, FX
- transactions, in the period that plaintiffs are alleging there
- was a conspiracy?
- 6 A. Well, with about 250 trading days per year and 325,000
- transactions per day, that gets us to about half a billion
- transactions over this alleged period.
- Q. Now, thinking back to the reaching agreement prong here
- pillar. What, if any, conclusions can you draw from the market
- 11 size?

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- 12 A. Well, the market size tells us that it would be extremely
- challenging to form a common understanding in order to be able
- 14 to reach an agreement on spreads in a marketplace with so many
- 15 transactions that are also driven by a multitude of factors.
- Q. Dr. Mathur, let me push on that for a second. If each one 16
- 17 of these dots just simply represents an FX transaction, why
- can't they just agree on sort of this is the spread for an FX
- transaction? What's so hard about that? 19
- 20 A. That's a slightly overly simplistic view of what each of
- 21 these trades represent. Not only is it a large marketplace,
- there are many factors that add to its complexity. As I 22
- 23 mentioned, there are hundreds of traders, trading across more
- 24 than 50 currency pairs, each driven by their risk position and
- 25 their perception of conditions in the marketplace, perceived

critically affects the spreads on those trades.

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- Q. How about the top, those circles at the top?
- A. So the circles at the top refer to different sizes of the
- trade. I believe the traders call it the notional amount. And
- the larger the notional amount, the larger the size of the
- trade, the more risk that is associated with it, and therefore,
- 7 typically the wider spreads that are associated with it. So
- that's another factor that drives the underlying prices and
- 9 spreads for a transaction.
- 10 Q. How about the bottom, that gray line on the bottom?
- A. So the bottom is the time of the day. And I think as we
- heard from many of the traders, economic news comes out at
- certain times of the day, certainly global areas are open and 13
- certain desks are closed during different times of the day
- 15 also, which also affects the liquidity and volatility in the
- 16 market, and therefore drives the underlying spread.
- Q. Let's move to the right and light up the right-hand side. 17
- What are we looking at here, Doctor?

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- A. On the right-hand side, I have the 16 dealer banks that are
- at issue that have been discussed, as well as a little box at 20
- 21 the bottom, because of course there are many other market
- 22 makers. Each of these dealers have dozens of traders that
- 23 specialize in certain currencies, and really have their own
- view on risk and on the positions they already have, and 24
- 25 liquidity and volatility in the market which affects the

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- volatility, perceived liquidity, each of which goes to make
- these transactions very different from each other.
- Q. Have you prepared anything to try to explain the potential
- differences in transactions?
- 5 A. Yes. I have a demonstrative I believe.
- 6 Q. Okay. What are we looking at here, Dr. Mathur?
- 7 A. Well, there's a lot going on here. And I think in some
- sense, that's the point. I'm happy to maybe break it down and
- we can talk about each factor.
- 10 Q. All right. Sounds like a good plan. Let's start with the
- left-hand side. So what are we looking at here?
- 12 A. So the left-hand side are examples of some of the customers
- in this market. And they include large sophisticated entities, 13
- BlackRock, Pimco, KKR, entities we've heard about. And 14
- 15 importantly, these entities are trading FX for their own unique
- reasons and they have individual relationships with various 16
- 17 dealer banks. That affects the spread or the price and the
- prices that they receive on the trades that they make. 18
- 19 Q. If we can now highlight the middle section. Move to there.
- 20 So what are we looking at here?
- 21 A. So in the middle section of the middle panel are just flags
- 22 and symbols to denote the various currency pairs. Each trade
- 23 occurs in one currency pair, but the underlying market
- conditions in those markets drive the spreads and the prices. So, different currency pairs have different conditions and that

- underlying spreads and prices that they quote to customers.
- And then, of course, we also have the sales folks who are the
- people who directly interact with the customers and play a role
- in the final spread or in prices that are provided to
- 5 customers.

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- Q. How about all the way on the right-hand side, the dealers?
- A. I think I just described that. It includes here both the
- 16 dealer banks, that we have discussed, as well as the many
- other market makers outside of these 16.
- 10 O. What about the incentives for different dealers vis-a-vis
- different customers?
- A. Yeah. As I mentioned right at the beginning, you know,
- dealers, these customers tend to be very frequently large and
- sophisticated, and they have particular reasons for trading.
- 15 And I think, as we've heard, different customers get different
- 16 spreads.
- So, for example, if Credit Suisse really wants to 17 trade with the particular customer and really make sure it
- makes the sale, it may offer -- and it does offer -- a
- 20 different, better price in order to close on that transaction.
- 21 Q. So, what's the punch line with this demonstrative? Why do
- all these things matter?
- A. There is a long set of factors, so yes, the punch line is
- what matters. I think the punch line is this is a really
- complex marketplace, and the prices and spreads underlying the

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analysis of frequency? I apologize but that's how I heard your

What, if any, reaction do you have to this testimony, 1

Dr. Mathur?

question."

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3 A. There's data available about the chats. Economists analyze

- data because it is valuable and it is objective. And in my
- view, that is the most reliable way to understand what the
- chats tell us as an economist with reference to the allegations
- in this case. 7
- 8 Q. I'd like to move to your second chat analysis, and I want
- to frame it by pulling up plaintiffs' alleged network slide.
- Do you recall seeing this throughout the trial? 10
- 11 A. I do, I believe Dr. Singer presented it as well.
- 12 Q. I think that's right. Can you explain to the jury what
- we're looking at here, please, in your own words.
- 14 A. Well, this appears to be four circles, each of which
- represents a chatroom. And I believe the inference is that
- because there was at least one trader from Credit Suisse 16
- 17 present in each of these chatrooms at some point in time over
- the six-year period, that that leads us to conclude that there 18
- 19 is somehow a network of chatrooms that perpetuated or enabled
- this alleged agreement. 20
- 21 Q. Well, what do you think?
- 22 A. Well, I disagree, and the reason for that is, you know,
- economists analyze networks all the time. They do it, again,
- using data. And so you would study the size of the network,
- the depth of the network, the connections across the alleged

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"A. I think with the modifier empirical, I think we've reached

actually transmitted to another, correct?

regarding whether any information discussed in one chatroom was

- 3 Dr. Mathur, what's your reaction to that testimony?
- A. It's consistent with what I had described. I think
- Dr. Singer agrees that he didn't provide any empirical analysis
- of the alleged network.

an agreement."

- Q. So let's talk about your analysis. Please tell the jury
- what you did.
- A. As I described earlier, I analyzed a sample of trading
- days, and the second metric that I was interested in was to see
- whether or how frequently on any day for a particular currency
- 12 pair, how many traders from different banks were represented.
- 13 In other words, how frequently were traders across different
- banks having spread discussions. Again, setting aside whether
- 15 the spread discussions was appropriate or not, but just how
- frequently were multiple banks having spread discussions on the
- 17 same day for a currency pair.
- Q. I'd like to focus -- let me ask, did you do an analysis on
- what we've heard is the most frequently traded currency pair,
- the euro/dollar? 20
- 21 A. I did an analysis of all currency pairs, but yes, the
- euro/dollar is frequently traded, so that's helpful to talk
- 23 about.
- Q. What did you find with respect to your analysis on the
- euro/dollar?

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1 A. I think I explained there are many factors that economists

- analyze and that I analyzed in order to assess whether the
- marketplace is or is not conducive. The stability of spreads
- or lack thereof is one factor, certainly, and an important
- factor, but you look at this in totality, yes.

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- 6 Q. It was an important factor that you set forth in your
- report at some length, right?
- 8 A. Yes.

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- 9 Q. Then, we took a look at some documents and we'll take a
- look at one right now, if we take a look at PTX 2456. If we go
- down, this is Nick Ritter and Daniel Wise at Credit Suisse, 11
- 12 this is Nick Ritter from Moore Capital. And he's written a
- letter. And he's talking about the spread matrix. Do you see 13
- 14 that he wanted to -- would you mind updating our spread matrix
- 15 please.
- 16 Do you see Moore Capital was asking the bank to do
- that? 17
- A. Yes.
- Q. He says we rarely price banks, although we do use a spread
- 20 matrix as a barometer.
- Do you see that? 21
- 23 O. Then he goes on to say we are interested in consistency and
- eliminating negative surprise more than the absolute best
- 25 price.

1 Q. BlackRock expected the banks to hold the spreads in normal

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- market conditions at least 90 percent of the time. Correct?
- 3 A. I see that's what this says, yes.
- 4 Q. And isn't that what those spread matrices show, that in
- fact the submissions did hold quarter after quarter?
- 6 A. No. They don't.
- 7 Q. You disagree with that?
- 8 A. I do. Because as we saw in the spread matrices, even with
- the lines that you presented, there were many quarters,
- including, for example, the financial crisis, where they were
- 11 different.

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- Q. You understood that the banks did expect -- that the banks
- did not expect -- that the customers did not expect the banks
- to collude on these spread matrices, right?
- A. Could you repeat that question? I didn't -- I'm sorry, I 15
- couldn't -- could you just repeat that.
- Q. You understood that the customers did not expect the banks
- to be colluding on the spread matrices that they submitted.
- Correct? 19

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- 20 A. That's fair, yes.
- **21** Q. Because they were competitors and they shouldn't have been
- colluding with each other on the matrices they submitted to
- customers, correct?
- A. I think we want to be precise in what you mean by
- colluding. If you mean by colluding what an economist means,

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- Do you see that?
- 2 A. Yes, I see that.
- 3 Q. And was that type of statement, did you see a lot of
- documents like that from these various customers back to the
- banks? 5
- 6 A. I understand Moore Capital is one customer. What's being
- described here is consistent with what I understand, for
- example, other customers like BlackRock considered in
- requesting information on the spread grids.
- 10 Q. Let's take a look at the next document which is from
- BlackRock. PTX 0003. If we go to the back of that document 11
- 12 which is where the e-mail starts. Not all the way back. One
- up to see -- who it's from. 13
- This is from David Turner from BlackRock and he's 14
- writing to and he is sending this to one of the banks. And
- he's sending it specifically to BNP. And he attaches some 16 instructions. 17
- If we go to the next page. If we go to the top 18
- instruction. Do you see that instruction? We ask you to 19 20 complete the spreads with a view to where current market
- liquidity is and with the aim that you did not widen unless 21
- market conditions are extreme. We expect you to hold these 22
- 23 spreads at least 90 percent of the time.
- Do you see that? 24
- 25 A. Yes, I do.

which is attempting to raise prices above competitive levels, I

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- completely agree.
- But I think we've also heard that exchanging 3
- information to understand market conditions in order to offer
- the best guess that they can to fill out these spread matrices
- is different from that.
- Q. So you think that two competitors talking about what
- numbers to put in the spread matrices, first of all, is not a
- violation of some internal policy at the company?
- A. I'm not a compliance or a legal expert. I'm not offering 10
- any opinions on internal company policies.
- Q. You think it raises anticompetitive concerns if two
- competitors are sharing what numbers to put in a spread matrix 13
- that goes to a customer?
- A. From an economist perspective, exchanging or sharing
- opinions on information in the marketplace in order to provide
- the best guess, I don't think that is a problem in this 17
- setting, given this marketplace and given everything we've 18
- heard about this market.
- Q. How about a specific spread? Is that a problem? MR. MOSS: Objection. 21
- THE COURT: Overruled. 22
- A. I don't follow the question. How about a specific spread
- for what? Sorry.
- 25 Q. Between two customers about how to fill in a spread

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October 19, 2022 MAJ3FOR1 Mathur - Cross Page 1024 MAJHFor2 Mathur - Cross Page 1026 1 A. I see it. Yes. correct? 2 Q. Within you heard the testimony here, literally within 2 A. To this chatroom, he would have to be invited by someone minutes, he has the spreads of eight banks. He's able to get who's in the chatroom. I understand that. that. And you don't agree that's a form of monitoring? **4** Q. Do you think the chatrooms are all interchangeable? A. I don't -- what do you mean by "interchangeable"? I don't A. Well, these show ranges across the different banks. And I think as we've discussed earlier, ranges or even specific think I have a view on that one way or another. spreads are an indication of market conditions. So yes, he I Q. Aren't these chatrooms, for the most part that you've 7 think understands what other dealers' views of market 8 reviewed, specific to certain currency pairs that a trader may 9 conditions are. be trading so that one chatroom won't be the same as another; (Continued on next page) that they're not just fungible? 10 A. I really don't know. I think they're persistent chats. 11 11 12 12 They go on every day for a long time. They seem to discuss a lot of things, so I don't really know. 13 13 Q. But they don't discuss a lot of different currencies. Do 14 15 you understand that? 15 A. I don't think I know one way or another. I think in some 16 17 17 chats we see references to more than one currency, and others we don't. As I explained, I haven't -- it's hard to follow the 18 context and the meaning of the chats. My analysis was 19 19 20 therefore empirical and based on the data. 20 21 Q. Let's take a look the next in line, PTX 1964A. Let's go over to -- this is an Old Gits chat with Mr. Cummins and 22 23 Mr. Hatton, and there are eight individuals here from four different competitor banks: Citi, Merrill, HSBC. And if we go 24 25 over to line 11:15:11, here, Mr. Cummins says: Note to Gits. MAJHFor2 Mathur - Cross Page 1025 MAJHFor2 Mathur - Cross Page 1027 BY MR. COUGHLIN: We have no friends. You want to be in this chat in six months? 2 Q. You don't find it odd that he within minutes can find out Do you understand, then, that you have no friends, no special the spreads of eight other banks that are offering to prices, no stepping up, or any of that garbage? 3 customers, eight other competing banks? Do you understand that Mr. Cummins is threatening 5 A. I don't think it's odd. I think these are chats where

- they're exchange their opinions and views on market conditions
- as we've seen occur. So the fact that they know each other's
- views on where they think the market might be or might be
- heading, I don't find that odd.
- Q. Yesterday you talked about punishment, that there had to be 10 11

punishment, and you talked about a certain email. If we could go to next in line PTX -- another chat, 12

PTX 1359A. And if we could go in on this, this is another chat 13

- with Credit Suisse and a number of other banks, at least 14
- 15 Toronto-Dominion, Deutsche Bank, Credit Suisse. If we could go
- down to page 5 of this, if we could go up to Parikh says, from 16
- Goldman Sachs, said: Jules, you may as well eject him. 17
- Stuart Dunn uses some colorful language back, and 18
- Jules Munson has removed the following users from the chatroom. 19
- 20 Do you see that?
- 21 A. I see that.
- 22 Q. Now, you know these chatrooms are by invitation only,
- correct?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. So Mr. Dunn cannot get back in unless they let him back in,

- other people in the chat that if they try to undercut or do
- something that the group feels is undercutting, that they won't
- be in the chat anymore?
- A. I think Mr. Cummins, if I recall, testified, so he'd
- probably be in the best position to explain.

But what I've seen over the course of the trial is 10

that there's a lot of bluster and bravado and, frankly, offensive language in the chats. I'm not sure I can -- I don't 12

- purport to be able to interpret this.
- Q. We talked a little bit at your deposition about certain
- pleas, so I'd like to talk about the pleas of a group called in 16 chats The Cartel.
- 17 Are you aware of the different pleas that were entered into in this case?
- A. I believe we've heard during the trial The Cartel chat and
- 20 the guilty pleas associated with that.
- Q. And that's with -- that RBS, JPMorgan and Citi and Barclays pled guilty to manipulating the spreads? 22
- 23 MR. MOSS: Objection.
- THE COURT: Overruled. 24
- 25 A. I'm aware that there was a guilty plea associated with that

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evidence was proper under the law for your consideration.

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2 You are to consider these instructions together as a whole; in other words, you are not to isolate or give undue 3 weight to any particular instruction.

It is a tradition and right of our legal system that parties involved in legal disputes have a jury chosen from the members of their community to render a verdict. Your role as the jury is to decide the factual issues in this case. I, as the judge, will instruct you on the law, and you must accept the law as I state it. Then you will apply the law to the facts as you find them. The result of your work will be the verdict that you return.

You, as jurors, are the sole and exclusive arbiters of the facts. You determine the weight of the evidence. You appraise the credibility of witnesses. You draw the reasonable inferences from the evidence or lack of evidence. And you resolve such conflicts as there may be in the testimony. In determining these issues, no one may invade your province or function as jurors. For you to determine the facts, you must rely on your own recollection of the evidence. I will instruct you momentarily on what is and is not evidence.

Because you are the sole and exclusive arbiters of the facts, I do not mean to indicate any opinion of mine as to what facts or what your verdict should be. The rulings I have made during the trial are not any indication of my views of what

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you want to underline things or circle things, make any marks

- you want to on them, feel free to do that. This is your copy,
- and you can take them into the jury room when you deliberate.
- We will destroy all the copies at the end of the deliberations,
- 5 so no one will see your notes or your markings. And the same
- is true as I mentioned for the notes you've been taking.
- 7 You'll be able to take the notes into the jury room with you,
- and then we'll destroy them at the end. 8

So this is a two-sided copy, and you'll see that the first -- after the cover page, the next page is the table of contents. This is your friend. You may want to refer back to the table of contents when you are deliberating and you have a question of the law on some issue. I'm beginning on the first page of text.

Members of the jury, you have now heard all of the evidence in the case. You are about to hear the final arguments of the parties, and then you will undertake your final and most important function as jurors. You have paid careful attention to the evidence, and I am confident that you will act together with fairness and impartiality to reach a just verdict in this case.

22 My duty at this point is to instruct you on the law, and it is your duty to accept my instructions and apply them to the facts as you determine them, just as it has been my duty to preside over the trial and to decide what testimony and

your decision should be. You are expressly to understand that the Court has no opinion as to the verdict you should render in 3 this case.

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My role as the judge is to instruct you on the law that you are to apply to the facts as you find them. You, as jurors, are bound to accept my instructions on the law, even if you feel that the law should be different from what I say it is. Also, if anyone or any document has stated or states during closing argument a legal principle different from what I tell you in my instructions, it is my instructions you must follow. You should not single out any one instruction or any one word or phrase in an instruction as alone stating the law, but you should consider the instructions as a whole.

All parties to a civil lawsuit are entitled to a fair trial. Therefore, you must make fair and impartial decisions to arrive at a just verdict. Under your oath as jurors, you are to be guided solely by the evidence, or lack of evidence, presented during the trial, as well as the applicable law, without regard to your feelings, positive or negative, for any party or attorney. All parties are entitled to the same fair and conscientious consideration. If you let sympathy or bias interfere with your clear thinking, then there is a risk that you will not arrive at a just verdict.

As I've said, in determining the facts, you must rely on your own recollection of the evidence. What is evidence?

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2 A conspiracy may vary in its membership from time to 3 time, and a conspiracy may be formed without all parties coming 4 to an agreement at the same time, such as where competitors separately accept invitations to participate in a plan to 5 restrain trade. Similarly, it is not essential that all 6 7 persons or entities acted exactly alike, nor is it necessary 8 that they all possessed the same motive for entering the 9 agreement. It is also not necessary that all the means or 10 methods claimed by plaintiffs were agreed upon to carry out the alleged conspiracy, nor that all of the means or methods that 11 12 were agreed upon were actually used or put in operation. It's also not necessary that all persons or businesses alleged to be 13 14 members of the conspiracy were actually members.

It is the agreement or understanding to restrain trade by widening, fixing, stabilizing, or maintaining spreads in the foreign exchange market that constitutes a conspiracy. Therefore, you may find a conspiracy existed regardless of whether it succeeded or failed.

The Sherman Act prohibits agreements among competitors to fix, stabilize, raise, lower, or maintain prices, regardless of whether the agreed-upon prices are reasonable. Therefore, in order to prove that a price-fixing conspiracy existed, plaintiffs do not need to show that the prices agreed upon were high or low or reasonable or unreasonable or that spreads were

foreign exchange market solely from the fact that banks
 exchanged price-related information. On the other hand, if you
 find that price information was exchanged, you may consider
 whether it was exchanged as part of an agreement to widen, fix,
 stabilize, or maintain spreads, along with all of the other
 evidence bearing on whether there was such an agreement.

So, as I said, the first question you'll be asked is whether there was a conspiracy. So now turning to the second question, and that is whether plaintiffs have proved that Credit Suisse knowingly participated in a conspiracy to fix prices.

Before you can find that Credit Suisse participated in a conspiracy, the evidence must show that Credit Suisse knowingly joined in the unlawful plan either from the beginning or at some later time with knowledge of at least some of the conspiracy's unlawful purposes and with the intent to advance some purpose of the conspiracy.

A person who knowingly joins an existing conspiracy or who participates only in part of a conspiracy with knowledge of the overall conspiracy is just as responsible as if he or she had been one of those who formed or began the conspiracy and participated in every part of it. You may not find that Credit Suisse was a member of the conspiracy based only on its knowledge of wrongdoing or association with others who were involved in wrongdoing.

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1 actually widened.

If you find that Credit Suisse engaged in a price-fixing conspiracy, it is not a defense that Credit Suisse acted with good motives, thought it was legal, or that the conduct may have had some good results.

Competition may be evidence of the lack of a conspiracy, but evidence of competition about itself does not preclude the existence of a conspiracy. If you find a conspiracy existed, it is no defense that Credit Suisse and its alleged conspirators actually competed in some respects with each other or failed to eliminate all competition between them. A price-fixing conspiracy is unlawful, even if did not extend to all currency pairs traded by Credit Suisse and its alleged conspirators or did not affect all of their customers or transactions.

The fact that Credit Suisse and their alleged coconspirators may have exchanged price-related information, including spreads, does not necessarily establish that they agreed to widen, fix, stabilize, or maintain spreads. There may be other legitimate reasons that would lead competitors to exchange such information, and the law recognizes that exchanges of price information may enhance competition and benefit customers.

Thus, you may not infer the existence of an illegal agreement to widen, fix, stabilize, or maintain spreads in the

To act knowingly means to act deliberately and not because of mistake, accident, or other innocent reason. As I have mentioned, a person may become a member of a conspiracy without full knowledge of all of the details of the conspiracy, the identity of all of its members, the scope of the

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conspiracy, the parts they played, or that their conduct
violates the law. Knowledge of the essential nature of the
plan is enough. On the other hand, a person who has no
knowledge of a conspiracy but happens to act in a way that

helps the conspiracy succeed does not thereby become a conspirator.

Your determination whether Credit Suisse knowingly joined a conspiracy must be based solely on the actions of Credit Suisse. You should not consider what others may have said or done. Whether Credit Suisse was a member of the conspiracy must be established by evidence of its own conduct, by what it said or did.

Once you have found that any person or entity is a member of a conspiracy, he, she, or it is presumed to remain a member and is responsible for all actions taken by all conspirators during and in furtherance of the conspiracy until it is shown that the conspiracy has been completed or abandoned.

If you find there was a conspiracy and that Credit Suisse participated in it, you will also be asked to identify

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1 the other banks that you find knowingly participated in that
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conspiracy. You should apply all the principles I just
outlined to determine what other banks participated in any
conspiracy you may find.

The next topic is single or multiple conspiracies.

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The plaintiffs allege that Credit Suisse and up to 15 6 7 other banks were all members of one conspiracy. Credit Suisse 8 has denied its participation in any conspiracy. You may find 9 that there was no conspiracy, one conspiracy, or several conspiracies. Whether plaintiffs have proved a single 10 conspiracy or multiple conspiracies or no conspiracies at all 11 12 is a question of fact that you must decide. If you find that Credit Suisse did enter into a conspiracy with other banks, you 13

will need to answer how many conspiracies Credit Suisse joined.

And just to clarify, you'll also be asked which banks were members of each such conspiracy.

17 To prove a single conspiracy, plaintiffs must show by a preponderance of the evidence that each of the alleged 18 members of the conspiracy agreed to participate in what it knew 19 20 to be a collective venture directed toward a common goal. 21 Multiple conspiracies, on the other hand, may be found when the evidence shows separate agreements or networks operating 22 23 independently of each other. It is possible for a single entity or single person to participate in more than one 24 25 conspiracy. Proof that two or multiple groups of people

in the foreign exchange spot market during the relevant period in violation of Section 1 of the Sherman Act. You may consider 3 those guilty pleas and conviction as evidence that the entities 4 and individuals who pleaded guilty or were convicted, in fact, 5 violated the antitrust laws in the manner and during the period charged. You may consider those guilty pleas and conviction 7 only as evidence of whether there was a conspiracy and not as 8 evidence of whether Credit Suisse joined the conspiracy. You may also consider the criminal convictions of individuals who appeared as witnesses in this case when you assess their 10

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You have heard traders from Credit Suisse and other banks decline to answer questions on the grounds of the Fifth Amendment privilege against self-incrimination. The Fifth Amendment to the United States Constitution affords every person the right to decline to answer questions if he believes that the answers may tend to implicate him in criminal activity.

However, because this is a civil case, you are permitted, but not required, to infer that the withheld information would have been unfavorable to the witness interest and the interest of a party who is closely associated with the witness. Any inference you may draw should be based on all of the facts and circumstances in the case. For example, based on the facts and circumstances, you may or may

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pursued similar or even identical activities but did not enter into an agreement to do so does not prove that they were part

3 of a single conspiracy together. However, as I mentioned, a

4 single conspiracy may exist even if all the members did not

5 know each other or never sat down together or did not know what

roles the other members would play, even if different members joined at different times, or the membership of the conspiracy

changed over time.

A single conspiracy also may involve subgroups committing acts in furtherance of an overall objective in different places and over a long period of time. What is controlling is whether the plaintiffs have proved by a preponderance of the evidence that there was one overall agreement on common objectives.

After the closing argument, I will go over the verdict form that you will need to fill out at the end of your deliberations. If you find that Credit Suisse participated in a conspiracy, you will be asked how many different conspiracies you find that Credit Suisse participated in, and you will be asked which other banks participated in each conspiracy and during what time periods.

You have heard evidence that certain corporations or entities and individuals in the foreign exchange spot market who were not affiliated with Credit Suisse pleaded guilty or were convicted at trial for engaging in an antitrust conspiracy not find a close association between a witness and Credit Suisse if the witness was an employee of Credit Suisse, or if

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3 you find that the witness was a conspirator of Credit Suisse.

I caution you that you may not find that the plaintiffs have proven their claims against Credit Suisse based solely on the negative inference, if any, you draw from the fact that a witness or multiple witnesses declined to testify in this case. Such inferences are factors you may consider, but without more are not sufficient to prove participation in a conspiracy to restrain trade.

You have heard evidence about various banks' internal policies concerning the sharing of spreads. You should not conclude that violation of a company policy necessarily violates the law. Nor should you include that compliance with a company policy necessarily is compliance with the law. I have separately instructed you on the antitrust laws that apply in this case, and you should not look to any bank's policy to provide a statement of the antitrust laws that apply here.

So with these instructions in mind, you will next, but not now, hear from the lawyers who will give their closing arguments. I'll give you this reminder right before the closing arguments, too, the arguments aren't evidence, because the lawyers aren't witnesses. It's intended to help you understand the evidence.

But before the closing argument, what I suggest, so we

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cannot consider these guilty pleas at all as evidence that Credit Suisse participated in the conspiracy. They may be evidence that these other traders who pled guilty or who were 3 found guilty did something wrong. But they're not evidence 5 that any Credit Suisse trader participated in a conspiracy.

Putting aside that they show nothing about Credit Suisse, do these guilty pleas come close to showing you some sort of massive global conspiracy like the one plaintiffs are claiming here? They don't.

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As I said, the guilty plea evidence the plaintiffs showed you involves just two chatrooms. You heard about both of those chatrooms in great detail. The ZAR chat with Mr. Cummins, Mr. Katz, Mr. Aiyer, and Nicholas Williams. And the Cartel chat, with Mr. Ashton, Mr. Gardiner, Mr. Ramchandani, and Mr. Usher. No Credit Suisse trader was ever in either of those chats.

What's more, the plaintiffs' own witnesses testified under oath that those two chatrooms didn't have anything to do with one another. Chris Cummins told you that the alleged conspiracy involving Mr. Ashton, Mr. Gardiner, Mr. Ramchandani, and Mr. Usher from the Cartel chatroom had nothing to do with his ZAR conspiracy.

23 So, are how on earth could these pleas to isolated misconduct in these two chatrooms, each of which involved just 24 25 four traders, provide any support for this global market-wide 1 Remember Mr. Landes? The plaintiffs' one live witness who took the Fifth. Remember how when the plaintiffs' lawyer 3 asked him whether he worked at BoA and whether he sat for a 4 deposition, he took the Fifth. Remember when my colleague Mr. Hall asked Mr. Landes, would you take the Fifth to whatever I asked you? And Mr. Landes took the Fifth in response to that 7 question.

All of the plaintiffs' so-called Fifth Amendment testimony is exactly the same. Witnesses took the Fifth in response to all sorts of perfectly innocent questions.

So ask yourselves, is the conclusion that the plaintiffs want you to draw that these folks would have incriminated themselves if they answered, is that really supported by the evidence?

Every other trader who testified denied the existence of this big global conspiracy alleged by the plaintiffs. So is it really right to assume that the witnesses who took the Fifth would have given a different answer if they testified?

I'll say one thing. This is the thinnest of proof of which to base an allegation of a global price fixing conspiracy. Plaintiffs want you to look at these non-answers, and they want to you have a reaction without looking too closely at the evidence. Oh, they took the Fifth so they must have done something wrong.

But when you actually look at the evidence, the

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conspiracy? They can't. And they don't. 1

So what about those Fifth Amendment assertions that 2 Mr. Burke was talking about? In their opening, the plaintiffs told you that 26 traders took the Fifth because they didn't want to talk about whether they conspired to fix spreads in electronic chatrooms.

The plaintiffs talked about these Fifth Amendment assertions in the same breath that they discussed the guilty pleas, almost suggesting that they're the same thing.

But, ladies and gentlemen, it doesn't matter how big a spectacle plaintiffs try to make of those assertions. Only you -- not the plaintiffs' lawyers, not me -- only you can decide what significance to attach to those Fifth Amendment

14 15 When you do, I would respectfully ask you to consider a couple of things. It's every person's right in this country 16 to decide not to answer questions when asked. That right is 17 built into the Constitution. You don't need to have done 18 19 anything wrong to use that right. You should look at the 20 testimony of the so-called Fifth Amendment witnesses, and you should decide for yourself why they asserted their Fifth 21 22 Amendment rights. Is it because they didn't want to talk about 23 whether they conspired to fix spreads, as the plaintiffs say, or were they taking the Fifth with respect to every single 24 25 question, no matter the topic.

questions that were actually asked of these witnesses, I think you'll see their non-answers are not really proof of anything.

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So what about the witnesses who did testify? Did they give you anything on which to hang a finding of the plaintiffs' global spread widening conspiracy?

Let's start with the plaintiffs' own witnesses. The plaintiffs offered testimony from three witnesses who admitted they committed misconduct in the FX market. Jason Katz, who was here in court. Chris Cummins, his ZAR chatroom colleague who testified about video. And then Matt Gardiner, who, as I said, was in the separate Cartel chatroom and testified by video.

So these were the plaintiffs' stars. They were the only witnesses in this trial who admitted to illegal acts in the FX market. Each cooperated with the authorities, and each of them was under an obligation to tell the truth all about their misconduct and about all of the people they did it with.

If anyone was going to testify that there was a global conspiracy to widen spreads among 16 banks, it would have been these three. They had nothing to lose and everything to gain by admitting to what the plaintiffs allege here, if it actually happened.

But did they? Well, actually just the opposite. Every one of them was asked whether they participated in some broader conspiracy that went beyond the misconduct in the

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plaintiffs are trying to sell to you as proof of the

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spread widening conspiracy? One thing they didn't show you was any evidence that spreads actually widened during the conspiracy. Dr. Mathur told you that this would have been the 4 most powerful evidence of a spread widening conspiracy, if there was one.

Now, that's, just to be clear, not to say a conspiracy has to succeed for it to be a conspiracy, but you would think that if there were a six-year spread widening agreement, the plaintiffs would have shown you some evidence that spreads actually widened, but they don't do anything like that. In fact, the only evidence plaintiffs presented on spreads during the alleged conspiracy was Mr. Robin's conclusion that they stayed the same. You remember that? Based on Mr. Robin's analysis, before the alleged conspiracy, during the alleged conspiracy, after the alleged conspiracy, spreads in the FX market largely stayed the same. They didn't widen.

17 And Mr. Howarth, you remember the Credit Suisse salesperson from London who testified live, he told you that, 18 19 in his experience, spreads compressed or narrowed over the 20 relevant period. This is a big problem for plaintiffs because 21 Dr. Singer speculated that the 16 banks had the power to widen spreads. Well, if they had that power and they actually 22 23 agreed, how is there no evidence that spreads actually widened? 24 And what about the customers the plaintiffs' lawyers

conspiracy. Plaintiffs claim there are 2,500, 2,571 chats, two chats per day, that support their case. They put them all in 3 4 evidence. They told you at the beginning of the case to trust the chats, but they don't actually seem to want you to do that since they don't show you most of them or even summarize them 7 in any way that you might be able to use. What they do is they 8 just ask you to assume that all the others are like the ones they've shown you, but they're not. Twenty-five percent of them include customers. You remember that? Or traders from 10 banks who aren't alleged to be part of the conspiracy. And 11

they're very different in other ways too.

You know, they've shown you the same small group of chats with troubling language again and again, and we'll get to those, but they really aren't representative of the vast majority of the spread chats the plaintiffs put in evidence. So, for example, plaintiffs put into evidence, but didn't show you, chat after chat where traders had different opinions on spreads.

Here's one. One trader says 9. Russell Katz thought 13.

Here's another. UBS trader asks for opinions on spreads in 1 billion euros. The RBS trader said 40, the UBS trader thought 50, and the Credit Suisse, Brian Walker, thought 20/22. Vastly different opinions.

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represent? Some of them were in the courtroom for parts of the

trial, but did they tell you the spreads they were quoted were wider because of the conduct of Credit Suisse or any bank? 3 They were trading all the time with the banks. They would have

4 had a front-row seat if the spreads were really widening during

5 this period. How easy would it have been to take the witness 6 stand and say that under oath if they thought it was true, but 7 they didn't, and their silence speaks volumes about the 8

plaintiffs' proof or, rather, the lack of it. The plaintiffs always fall back on their chat

evidence, but the chats also don't show a conspiracy to widen spreads. Plaintiffs want you to throw all these chats into one bucket. If a spread is discussed, it's a conspiracy chat, but it's just not true. The judge has instructed you that there are legitimate reasons for sharing information, and witness after witness told you that they exchanged views, they exchanged opinions, about the liquidity and volatility in the market so that trades can be priced properly in the market.

Think about all the traders who testified on video and live in court who said they routinely discuss spreads in chatrooms. Did they seem like they'd been caught doing something wrong? Just the opposite. They made clear this was just a normal part of the job. They used the chats to stay informed about market liquidity because that's what their customers expected.

This is clear from the face of many of the chats that

These chats don't show an agreement on spreads. If anything, they show wide disagreement, and they do nothing to prove any spread widening conspiracy. At times customers, the supposed victims of the spread widening conspiracy, were actually in the chatrooms when spreads were discussed. How is that a conspiracy if the customer is in the chatroom?

Now, the plaintiffs say, ignore all of this. These traders are sharing spread information in these chats so their sales staff can go out and quote wider spreads. But where's the evidence of that? Where's the evidence that in a single instance traders discussed a spread in a chatroom, the spread is wider than they would quote if they weren't discussing, and then a wider spread is quoted to a customer? They'd need to do that over and over again, thousands of times a day. In fact, trader after trader testified that they knew full well what might happen if they did quote a wider spread, right? They'd lose business. And other traders said they actually quoted different spreads, narrower spreads, than what they discussed in the chatrooms. So they talk about 12 in the chatroom, and they'd go ahead and quote 10.

Again, how is that a conspiracy to widen spreads? You know, the old saying that actions speak louder than words. Well, where's the action? Where's the actual evidence that the words on the paper plaintiffs have shown you amounted to an agreement to quote wider spreads? The answer is there is none.

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1 \$1,000 an hour to look at chats, plus he gets a piece of the
2 action. He didn't want to tell you that, so I brought it out.
3 He gets a piece. What can we reasonably expect of you after
4 eight days, nine days? You're getting so much information
5 thrown at you, and we're trying to do it in a way that you can
6 absorb and make sense of it.

Credit Suisse complains we haven't produced enough chats. You can take 2,571 back with you. I really hope you get to a decision before you go through them all, for your sake, but it's there, and we encourage you to look at the evidence.

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The 2,571 exemplar chats in evidence provide an abundant record of direct evidence. These were written when nobody thought anyone would ever see them. They're not post hoc justifications. They're the clearest record of the agreement between Credit Suisse and its coconspirator dealers.

17 Ask yourself, as I said in opening, why aren't they competing? Brian Walker, Credit Suisse's trader witness, 18 testified proudly, proudly -- he wasn't trying to hide it --19 20 no, we're not competing. If what was going on in those 21 chatrooms was legitimate, we would not have seen 26 traders from 13 banks, including Credit Suisse's former global head of 22 23 spot trading, assert the Fifth. There's no answer for that. Use your common sense. 24

Not enough chats. There were 2,571 spread chats, 421

1 Let me run this up for you. This case started nine years ago. The Court entrusted us, appointed us class counsel 3 to represent the class, and we were humbled by that, because we represent working people. Oklahoma Firefighters, Chase Rankin 5 up there, he's been here this entire time. Grenville Henderson, Cathy Smith from the Virgin Islands, they've been 7 here the entire time. Jim Nimmo, he was here. He had to go 8 back. He's a fire captain for Oklahoma. He had other responsibilities. He sends his regards and respect. They have a real stake in this litigation, ladies and gentlemen, and 10 11 represent the other thousands of class members harmed by the

conspiracy to widen spreads.

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We started with 16 defendants. Credit Suisse is here today. We ask you to trust what you saw in the chats, trust your common sense and experience. You can put aside the clever points made by the lawyers on both sides. At root, the case is not that complicated. Credit Suisse and the dealers wanted to make more money. I stood up in front of you on the 11th and said the case is about money, and I showed you the money part. That's all it is, it's about money. They wanted more of it, the banks do.

Credit Suisse and the dealers wanted to make more money. They could do so by widening spreads. They did so by forming a network of private invitation-only chatrooms. Really, how gullible to think that chatrooms don't form a

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unique chatrooms, 16 coconspirators. The dates range from 2007to 2013.

Credit Suisse, there were 726 examples of coordination and outright agreement on spreads. Every other day they were sharing detailed confidential information about what they were showing to customers. And as you learned from Mr. Robin, they didn't need to share spreads every single day, because spreads are durable and they correlate.

Credit Suisse is in 101 spread chatrooms with all 15 conspirators from 2007 to 2013. And let me clear up one misconception. Mr. Lawes stayed in that chatroom. He just moved banks. He was in Credit Suisse, stayed in that chatroom with Mr. Parikh and Mr. Munson, went to TD, stayed in the chatroom, came back to Credit Suisse, stayed in the chatroom.

Now, without the network, you lose that network, we heard that once again clients can screw us. It will cost the banks millions. Nick Williams writes: Emails going out, all chats with inter-bank traders need to be nonpersistent, one on one. So once again clients can screw us. It will cost the banks millions, said Mr. Katz.

This is almost the exact same thing, only five years later, that Mr. Parikh complained of in 2007 to Mr. Lawes and Mr. Munson as the justification for the conspiracy: We're all having to quote tighter. It's suicidal. We don't like those silly spreads. What's the answer? Let's get together.

1 network, that you don't talk across chatrooms. We showed you

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2 that, evidence of that, today. That's how networks work. They

3 connect people; they don't isolate people. Credit Suisse and

4 the dealers used the network of chatrooms to widen spreads.

5 You have a record of what the dealers did, when they did it,

and who was involved.The burden here is 50

The burden here is 50 percent and a feather, OK? It's just this much and plaintiffs prevail. In a case where half the traders took the Fifth, five pled guilty. JPMorgan, Barclays, Citi, BNP, RBS pled guilty to felonies. Now, those are negotiated settlements. They're going to be narrower. That's profound when you can take down banks like that for price fixing in this market for the use of chatrooms, and they want to diminish that. Take some responsibility. We're depending on you.

Two traders pled guilty. One went to prison. That doesn't look like a joke to me. Here, the simpler answer is the correct answer. The evidence shows that Credit Suisse was part of a single conspiracy because there was a single goal, and they all ascribed to it: widen the spread, widen the spread at the expense of the customer. Didn't matter which chatroom you were in, didn't matter which currency pair it was, didn't matter who the dealer was. Widen the spread with 15 coconspirator dealers from 2007 to 2013.

We thank you for your service, and it was our honor to